

Students of Caribbean & African Ancestry
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SFU Students of Caribbean and African Ancestry (SOCA)
[NOV 8th] at [5:20]

ATTENDEES: MEETING AGENDA: TERRITORY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

SOCA recognizes we are situated on the unceded territories of the Coast Salish, the Musqueam, Kwikwetlem, Squamish, Tsleil-waututh, and Katzie and we recognize the importance of this acknowledging that this land has never been granted, surrendered nor sold to any government but taken by force. You can see who's land your on using an app called <https://native-land.ca/> which is a map of Indigenous lands


ROUNDS.

(Name, Pronouns, access needs, What are your plans for Remembrance day weekend/Long weekend?)

1. **Naomi**- She/her, access needs met, rest
2. **Alison**- he/him,needs to leave early, catch up on studies and sleep
3. **Nobu**- she/her, access needs met, finish assignments
4. **Anne-Marie**- she/her. Access needs met, rest
5. **Kerlinda**- she/her, access needs met, study for midterm
6. **Bam**- he/him, access needs met, sleeping in
7. **Dunstan**- he/him, access needs met, prepare for midterm
8. **Emmanuel**- he/him, access needs met, go out and play ball
9. **Wai**- she her, access needs met, sleeping
10. **Claire**- she her, access needs met, studying for midterm
11. **Stacy**- she her, access needs met, studying and doing assignments

APPROVE MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING

- **Approved**
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-  **OCT 25th 2024 Meeting MinutesAgenda SFU SOCA**

REPORT OF OFFICERS

- **President**
 - Sends regrets
 - Attended and executed Afroween alongside the planning committee

- Attended BSCC informal interviews in the space
 - Drafting and submitting and picking up cheque recs for DJ's and photographers
 - Met with Peernetbc for our upcoming orientation
 - Meeting with Ayo for Back2School reimbursement.
 - Email Correspondance
 - Following up with Caribbean cuisine night
 - Forwarded opportunity sent in to soca for general members
 - Created eventbrite link for cultural night
 - Prepared meeting minutes
- **Vice President**
 - Planned and coordinated exec roles for the Caribbean cuisine workshop
 - Did shopping for the caribbean cuisine workshop
 - Attended and Prepared food at the worksop
 - Email correspondence
 - Met with AYO for back to school reimbursement
 - Attended multiple interview rounds on the hiring committee for the bssc role
 - Attended informal interviews at the space
 - Facilitated the congo filming.
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- **External Relations officer**
 - Attended afroween
 - Helped out with community kitchen
 - Attended kitchen
 - Drafting invitations for cultural night
 - Attended interviews for coordinator position
 - Attended Congo filming and helped out
- **Internal Relations Officer**
 - Attended Afroween
 - Attended the Carribean Cuisine Workshop and helped to prepare the food
 - Attended the Annual General Meeting by the SFSS
 - Attended Council Development Sessions (No cops on Campus part 2)
 - Emailed the Black student Initiative Manager for UBC's Faculty of Medicine (Donneil McNab) about the preparations for the Black MD Student Pathway Info Session.
- **Secretary**
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- **Treasurer (and Finances report)**
 - Accounts balances and in and out flows (trust, levy fund, Soca Core, staff department line item, Scotiabank, outstanding/upcoming grants):
 - ■ Trust: \$8,135.02
 - ■ Levy: \$47,897.49
 - ■ Soca CG core fund: \$1,350.00
 - ■ Staff Dept Levy: N/A

- ■ Scotiabank (external): \$4,958.88
- ■ Grant funding: N/A
- ○ Cheques to be signed (include Motions Date and Number approved and person to reimburse): Cheque signed by food by feji, we need a motion for that
- ○ Cheque requisitions to be done: Any CAV cheques
- ○ Other: Updated the finance tracking sheet
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- **ITO:**
 - Created and posted the Cultural Nights Poster
 - Afroween Promotions
 - Updated website meeting minutes
 - Posted on Instagram feed - Caribbean Cuisine Workshop.
 - Attended afroween
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- **Events Coordinator:**
 - Attended and executed Afroween alongside the planning committee
 - Followed up on gift card recipients from earlier events
 - Cultural night planning
 - Attended caribbean cuisine workshop
- **First Year Rep:**
 - Attended Afroween
 - Posted about afroween and caribbean cuisine on instagram
- **Grad Rep -**
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- **FIC Rep**
 - Managed instagram during Caribbean Kitchen
- **Execs at large Mekeil:**
 - Did shopping for the Caribbean cuisine workshop
 - Attended and Prepared food at the workshop
 - Email correspondence with Tricia-Kay for the event
 - Prepared the music playlist
- **Execs at large Naomi:**
 - Did Listening Party
 - Attended caribbean cuisine workshop
 - Attended Afroween
- **Execs at large Joanne**
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REPORT ON SPECIFIC MATTERS [Action items of execs].

- Bookin

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. **Afroween event settlement:** Afroween went well, fantastic turn out. We collaborated with UBCBSU, UBCSOCA, KPUSOCA, Douglas college and langara and the event was held at Good co bars on Granville street.

We made a profit of **\$4,811.63**. However, profit will be split **50/50** with UBCBSU after SFUSOCA deducts the expenses covered in the following amount

- DJ Azeez -\$300
- DJ Blinkz - \$300
- DJ Rico Uno -\$350
- Giveaway prizes (stanley cup & polaroid camera) - \$197.11

The cheque is to be issued and mailed to Adanna Nduagu from Good co bars. When she receives the money, she will send UBCBSU's profit to them and then deposit SOCA's profit in the Scotia bank account.

- We might need a better system to pick the winner for the costume, we ran into some issues with fairly picking people from each school. An Instagram contest where people post their costumes and tag us might be a better solution

2. **How did the Caribbean Cuisine event go? What could we have done better? What went well?**

- **It was really nice and everyone was engaged. Tricia gave us some great feedback as well, so it's safe to chalk this one up as a success**

3. **BSSC hiring decision**

Adanna and Stacy were on the hiring committee and interviewed a total of 6 candidates for this role over 2 weeks. We had a second informal interview with the top 2 candidates with some members of the executive team here in the space. We ultimately decided to select Munatsi because of his experience working within this capacity and his passion to support Black students. If the majority of the hiring committee think he is the right candidate as well, he'll become our new BSSC coordinator. Will follow up with updates of the final decision after consultation with the SFSS.

- Questions, comments, concerns? If they don't approve (highly unlikely) they'll select a candidate from their preferred pool

4. **Black history month committee meeting:**

- We have scheduled an introductory meeting for next week Thursday with the black caucus and sfu (Nov 14 2024 at 2:00PM via Zoom).
- We would like to get this work underway before the end of the term so that we can adequately prepare for a riveting Black History Month experience.
- Let's us know if you want to join the committee or give some event ideas
- **Who is able to attend?**

5. **Back2School -Justin UG event Reimbursement meeting:**

- Alison, Adanna, Stacy and Laury met with Ayo on Tuesday to arrive at a reimbursement plan from our contribution. We amicably arrived at a decision to be reimbursed the half of the contribution amount -\$750. This would be done via a monthly payment of \$200 until the debt is repaid. Alison will follow up.
- Execs member are not in agreement. They feel that we should get our full investment.

6. BCCA Gala night - Nov 16th

- We get 5 free tickets, in return we promote, and state we got some funding from them
- There's a discount code for students
- An opportunity to network and meet other organizations

7. Invitation to an Informational Session on Yale Model African Union IV in Nairobi, Kenya!:

To finalize our decision on SOCA's potential participation in this event, we've been invited to attend an informational session. **Who is available to join?**

- Date: November 19th, 2024
- Platform: Zoom
- Time: 5pm - 6pm PST

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8. Spring 2025 Month of Welcome - Submit Your Events by November 22nd

- Should we include catch ah vybez?
- Who is responding to the email? Anne Marie.

9. Exec Leadership Workshop with PeernetBc - Nov 14th (1:00-3:00pm)

- Date collides with The BHM iNFO session.
- Need to come up with a new date.
- This workshop will be on the Zoom platform. We request everyone have access to their individual laptop for full use of the Zoom as well as we require participants to be on camera during the whole session as it is dependent on participation. We understand that not everyone has access to private spaces, so we here are some suggestions:
 - Book a study room on campus through SFU
 - <https://www.lib.sfu.ca/facilities/rooms-spaces/group-study-rooms>
 - Book a room in the Student Union Building
 - <https://sfss.ca/table-and-room-booking-at-the-sub>
- PeerNetBC recognizes that these requirements may create other kinds of access needs and appreciate SFUSOCA working towards making this workshop happen.
- We will likely have to change times or dates to accommodate the black history month committee meeting

10. Cultural Night

- We need more people on the cultural night planning committee
- Nov 30th, limited capacity (120 people) so sign up quickly. We'll have mostly African and Caribbean food. It will be an alcohol free event! As mecs will not be helping out.

- We have some performances confirmed like violin and drums
- Kerlinda and ruki will be mc'ing 50-50%

11. Fee Levy Campaign

- SFRIG reached out to SOCA about a campaign to increase the levy we have because of inflation. Stacy thinks this is a great idea, to match out budget org rising prices yearly. We'd love to have someone follow up on this campaign. Nobu signs herself up!

12. UBC Black Pathway Pre Med Info Session

- Emmanuel brought up if we should book a room in the info session, rather than hosting in the space. Stacy brought up idea of booking a classroom in spaces like the WMC.

Motions

1. Motion to reimburse Stacy Kimani for Terry's food safe certification

Whereas SOCA organized a Caribbean Cuisine Night as part of its cultural programming, which required the use of a community kitchen; and

Whereas Food Safe certification was necessary to meet health and safety requirements for using the kitchen facilities; and

Whereas Stacy Kimani covered the cost of obtaining Food Safe certification for Terry, enabling SOCA to proceed with the event safely and in compliance with regulations;

Be it resolved that SOCA approve a reimbursement to Stacy Kimani for the cost of Terry's Food Safe certification, ensuring SOCA's compliance with necessary health and safety standards.

Be it further resolved that \$88.0 be allocated from line item #26 ACCT 775/45 events

Moved by (pipe)/ Seconded by (Emmanuel)

Carried Unanimously

2. Motion to reimburse for meeting refreshments

Whereas Soca conducted a General meeting on Nov 8th and refreshments were needed to be bought for general members and executives.

Whereas Stacy Kimani purchased pizza for members.

Be it resolved to reimburse Stacy Kimani the amount of \$62.24 from Acct:[886/45]Line item: #81 - Meetings Vouchers and Snacks.

Moved by (Nobu) / Seconded by (Anne Marie)

Carried Unanimously

3. Providing financial support for SOCA member and fundraising via GoFundme for tuition fees

Whereas a SOCA member is in deep need of financial support to pay tuition fees;

Whereas SOCA has verified there is a need and the member is further being supported by other modalities including SFU;

Whereas the Bursary line item was created for needs like there where students are in a position where the need emergency need and support

Be it resolved that SOCA supports this member by donating and sharing the Gofundme across our social media accounts;

Be it further resolved that SOCA donate \$1000 from line item #47 "Black Student Bursary Fund". ACCT 741/45

**Moved by (Nobu) / Seconded by (Naomi)
Carried Unanimously**

4. Motion to reimburse Stacy Kimani for Caribbean Cuisine workshop Food purchase.

Whereas SOCA organized a Caribbean Cuisine Night as part of its cultural programming, which required the use of a community kitchen

Whereas Stacy Kimani purchased food items and beverages for the workshop

Be it resolved that SOCA approves a reimbursement to Stacy Kimani

Be it further resolved that \$262.11 to be allocated from line item #26 ACCT 741/45 events

**Moved by (Anne Marie)/ Seconded by (Emmanuel)
Carried Unanimously**

COMMITTEE AND SUB-ASSOCIATIONS UPDATE

- **Social Justice and Advocacy Committee**
- **Cultural Events Committee.**
 - Planning cultural night, reached out to lord nation and Izo dream chaser for on IG
 - Some performers already confirmed
 - Looking to get students and other interested members to perform at the event
 - If you want to join, pls let us know (we need more people on there
- **BSSC and Space Committee.**
- **Food Justice.**

- **NSA**

- **SSA**

ACTION ITEMS FOR EXEC

- Anne-Marie - uploading meeting minutes to website
- Joanne & (Anne-marie assisting) - uploading exec bios on website, potentially posting on our IG.
- Cultural night planning (everyone. Adanna will be sending out the program/action items soon)
- Sending out invites for cultural night. (Waithera and Nobu)
- (Liya)- Adding accessibility needs to eventbrite ticket link.
- Alison - sending invoices to Sindhu (Izo dreamchaser, lord nation), submitting any outstanding cheque recs

OPEN ISSUES OR CONCERNS.

We could get can a pro when our bssc joins us

We'd need Polaroid film as well

Meeting Adjourned at [6:30]

Moved by (Anne Marie) /seconded by (kerlinda