

Students of Caribbean & African Ancestry
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SFU Students of Caribbean and African Ancestry (SOCA)
[OCT 11th] at [5:12pm]

ATTENDEES: Adanna, Chris Outten, Mekeil, Joanne, Liya, Naomi, Emmanuel, Anne-Marie, Nobu, Kerlinda, Waithera, Seyi, Kizito, Stacy,

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, Something about yourself that's not known to everyone, Access needs, One thing you had good this week and one you're looking forward to or alternative)

Adanna:she/her Access needs are met, Extremely claustrophobic

Chris: he/him Access needs are met Looking forward to the community kitchen.

Naomi: Access need: Currently on transit right now and can't speak

Joanne: she /herAccess needs are met, Met her friends this week, Looking forward to the Thanksgiving on Monday

Liya: she/her, Access needs are met, Played the piano for 7 years

Mekeil: she/her, Access needs are met: Mic problems though, Looking forward to Halloween

Emmanuel:He/him Access needs are met, Look forward to halloween

Anne-Marie; She/her, Access needs are met, Was on the swimming team in High School

Nobu: she/her, Access needs are met, She loves to say the word Banana

Kerlinda:she/her, Access needs are met, She/her, Looking forward to the Thanksgiving and seeing her mom

Wai: she/her, Access needs are met, She/her, Looking forward to Halloween

Seyi: he/him Access needs are met, Looking forward to sleeping

APPROVE MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING

- **Approved**

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☰ **Sept 26th 2024 Meeting Minutes-Agenda SFU SOCA**

REPORT OF OFFICERS

- **President**

- Planning afroween, emailing jason, reaching out to DJ's and performers
- Met with UBCBSU for afroween on saturday
- Met with UBCBSU, DSU BLK-CLTV, UBC SOCA, KPU SOCA & Langara BSU on monday regarding collaboration
- Planned and hosted Catch Ah Vybez, picked up food, cleaned up the space
- Attended/ spoke at 1st/2nd year social
- Delegating tasks to execs
- Forwarded opportunity sent in to soca for general members
- Email correspondance
- Booked dance rehearsal room for yoga event
- Attended Black Student Centre Design and Programming Workshop
- Followed up with Sindhu for BSSC hiring, interviews to be scheduled next week
- Sent in cheque recs for members to be reimbursed for their expenses
- Helped Mekeil with newsletter
- Met with Ayo regarding reimbursement for Back 2 school event
- Prepared meeting minutes

- **Vice President**

- Planning congo week film screening with SFPIRG
- Planned first year social with Liya
- Made first year social soca slides and presented at the event and
- Cleaned the general space before first year social and coordinated the set up of the event
- Attended meeting with global connect for final planning of Pie social event
- Prepared Cheque reqs for catch ah vybz and first year social
- Email correspondence
- Purchased drinks and drinks for catch ah vybz and delivered them
- Purchased drinks and drinks for first year social and delivered them
- Followed up with Students seeking SOCA support.
- Prepared questions for bssc hiring

- **External Relations officer**

- Attended meeting about Afroween
- Met with Hanna from Global connect
- Made trivia questions for Pie Social
- Promoted Pie social
- Helped out with First year social

- **Internal Relations Officer**
 - Finalizing the transfer of Signatories
 - Attended council meetings
 - Helped to set up and coordinate catch a vybz
- **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: \$3667.02
 - ■ Levy: \$50,894.71
 - ■ Soca CG core fund: \$675.00
 - ■ Staff Dept Levy: N/A
 - ■ Scotiabank (external):
 - ■ Grant funding:
 - ○ 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
- **ITO:**
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- **Events Coordinator:**
 - Planned and attended catch a vybz and also cleaned up after
 - On the Cultural night committee and currently helping in planning for cultural night.
 - Planning the halloween event with Adanna
 - Helped to coordinate the first and second year social
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- **First Year Rep:**
 - Planned First year social
 - Helped to setup and cleaned up the space after the event
 - Also coordinated some of the games during the event
 - Attended and helped to setup catch a vybz
- **Grad Rep -**
 - **Planning the caribbean cuisine workshop**
- **FIC Rep**
 - attended and served food at Catch ah Vybez, helped clean up.
- **Execs at large Mekeil:**
 - Set up and cleaned at catch a vybz
 - Worked on the Newsletter
 - Planning the Carribean cuisine workshop with Chris
 - Worked on exec bios
 - On the cultural night committee
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- **Execs at large Naomi:**
 - Volunteer Orientation
 - Attended the first and second year social
 - Created the video for catch a vybz
 - Attended Catch a vybz
- **Execs at large Joanne**
 - Attended catch a vybz and helped to clean up after catch a vybz
 - Went through the website and identified things that needed improvement. However, needs info on how the website is updated.
 - Helped to make the videos for catch a vybz
- **Grad Rep**
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REPORT ON SPECIFIC MATTERS [Action items of execs].

Stacy

- The dates haven't been updated on the poster due to having only two mental health workshops. Going to reach out to her
- Has found a volunteer with a food safety certificate, just need to reach out to the person on their availability

Emmanuel

- Signatories will be finished by next week

Nobu

- Promoted the Pie Social event
- Followed up with Khadija on the Rwanda Awareness

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. **Congolese Awareness week (13th-19th)**
 - When? What's happening/ who's incharge of planning?
 - Set to be on the 22nd of October.
 - SOCA movie night date during the week should be decided.
 - The event will be done in the SOCA space
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2. **FEED the Men Workshop**
 - First session set to begin on October 18TH
 - SOCA is required to make posters and promote.
 - Will be biweekly, on weeks where we don't have a general meeting
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3. **Leadership workshop by peernet for execs**
 - Reached out to Balqees from peernet on the workshop sessions
4. **Creating committee for cultural night in November**
 - Nov 30th in the ballroom
 - SFU kitchen will be unavailable on that day and we also have to set up ourselves
 - Let Adanna know
 - (Adanna, Waithera, Nobuhle, Mekeil, Stacy)

5. Global social connect - Pie social

- Happening on October 15th.
- Nobu and Stacy attended the orientation session with Hanna
- Event for international students to mingle and bond over food
- Naomi, Anne-marie, Adanna, Stacy and Nobu will be in attendance

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6. Micasa Ent/ Justin UG event

- Spoke to Ayo and Laury and unfortunately the event was a loss. At the moment no idea as to how the payment can be made.
- Various methods to pay back are being discussed
- Updates will be made by Adanna by next meeting

7. Bringing back the Black study hall

- Concerned member asked about the Black study hall sessions
- Soca is planning to bring back the hall
- Interested Executives members should look into securing a space

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8. all Division of profits from Afroween (giving part of ours to other bsu's that don't have funding)

- UBC BSU and SFU SOCA are willing to split the profit 50/50.
- Agreement: SOCA covers all the expenses and UBC BSU pays half of their profit to SOCA.
- Possibly donate part of our profit to other Black student unions in other schools.
- Total expenses are expected to be about \$1100.
- There is a contract showing the terms and conditions of the event/collaboration.

9. SOCA collaborating on Rwanda Symposium

- The event will reflect on Rwanda's 30-year journey since the genocide happened.
- "The event will focus on Rwanda's progress in addressing malnutrition and the role of agriculture in development. We would love for SOCA to collaborate with us on this event by booking a space. Specifically, we're hoping SOCA can help us with securing the ballroom space at the Burnaby campus for the symposium."
- Stacy will be meeting with them
- Anne-Marie, we can help promote
- Need an exec at large to follow up and schedule the meeting.

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Motions

1. Reallocating funds for future movie night event

Whereas SOCA has successfully completed two previous events, Catch Ah Vybez and the 1st/2nd Year Social, under budget, resulting in a surplus of \$762.36,

Whereas SOCA is planning a movie night as part of its upcoming programming for Congo Awareness Week,

Be it resolved that SOCA re-allocates \$578.59 from line item #24 "Catch Ah Vybez Fall Icebreaker, Week of Welcome, Clubs Days" (Account #795/45), and \$183.77 from line item #25 "Student Year Group (FIC, First Year, Grad) Welcome Events" from the unused budget of the two past events, to fund the upcoming SOCA Movie Night.

Moved by (Emmanuel) / Seconded by (Nobu)

Carried Unanimously

2. Allocating Funds for SOCA Executive Leadership Training Workshop

Whereas SOCA is committed to the continuous development of its executive team to ensure effective leadership and collaboration and fostering a healthy and productive working environment is essential for the success of SOCA's initiatives,

Whereas SOCA has identified PeernetBC as a qualified facilitator to lead an Executive Leadership Training Workshop,

Be it resolved that SOCA allocates up to \$2000 from line item #80 "Execs Transition Retreats, Training, and Leadership Development" (Account #886/45) to cover the costs of the workshop, which will be facilitated by PeernetBC.

Moved by (Anne-Marie) / Seconded by (Wai)

Carried Unanimously

3. Reallocation of excess funds spent on the Kayaking Event

Whereas SOCA hosted a Kayaking event during Summer

Whereas SOCA went over the budget by \$51.85 for the Kayaking Event

Be it resolved that the excess \$51.85 will be charged from Acc 886/45 Line item #85

Moved by (Nobu) / Seconded by (Adanna)

Carried Unanimously

4. Motion to Allocate Funds for Candle Making Mental Health Sessions

Whereas SOCA is collaborating with SFU Health and Counseling to host a Candle making Mental Health Session aimed at promoting wellness and mental health awareness,

Whereas candles are a necessary component for creating a calming and supportive atmosphere during the session,

Be it resolved that SOCA allocates \$200 from line item #52 "SOCA BSSC Coordinator-Led Special Programming and Services" (Account #741/45 "SOCA BSSC Space, Services, and Resources") to purchase candles, snacks, and other related materials for the event.

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

5. Motion to Allocate Funds for Instagram Ads for Afroween Event

Whereas SOCA is hosting an Afroween event to engage with and celebrate the student community,

Whereas effective promotion is key to ensuring the success of this event and increasing awareness,

Whereas SOCA intends to run ads on Instagram to reach a broader audience,

Be it resolved that SOCA allocates \$150 from line item #43 "Newsletter and Upcoming Events Promotions" (Account #741/45) to run Instagram ads for the promotion of the Afroween event.

Moved by (Stacy) / Seconded by (Nobu)
Carried Unanimously

6. Motion to reimburse Emmanuel Anthony-Onuigbo for meeting refreshments

Whereas Soca conducted a General meeting on September 26th and refreshments were needed to be bought for general members and executives.

Whereas Emmanuel Anthony-Onuigbo purchased pizza and refreshments for members and executives.

Be it resolved to Emmanuel Anthony-Onuigbo reimburse the amount of \$57.64 from Acct:[886/45]Line item: #81 - Meetings Vouchers and Snacks.

Moved by (Nobu) / Seconded by (Wai)
Carried Unanimously

7. Motion to Authorize Spending for Monthly Space Shopping for the academic Year

Whereas SOCA is committed to maintaining a welcoming and well-supplied space for its members, which includes providing food and beverages at the space.

Whereas a budget of \$2500 for the year has been allocated for the purpose of monthly space shopping,

Whereas it is inefficient to pass individual motions for this recurring expenditure each month,

Be it resolved that SOCA authorizes the expenditure of up to \$2500 for the remainder of the fiscal year from line item #75 "Food and Beverage for SOCA Space" (Account #815/45 "SOCA Operational and Administrative") to cover monthly space shopping needs.

**Moved by (Stacy) / Seconded by (Emmanuel)
Carried Unanimously**

8. Motion to Allocate Funds for Caribbean Cuisine Workshop

Whereas SOCA is hosting a Caribbean Cuisine Night on November 7th, 2024, as part of its cultural programming to engage and educate the community about Caribbean culinary traditions,

Whereas the event will require the purchase of food ingredients and related items to serve approximately 20 participants,

Be it resolved that SOCA allocates up to \$1000 from line item #49 "SOCA BSSC Cultural Workshops/Events" (Account #741/45) to cover the cost of food items and supplies for the Caribbean Cuisine Night.

**Moved by (Anne-Marie) / Seconded by (Kizito)
Carried Unanimously**

COMMITTEE AND SUB-ASSOCIATIONS UPDATE

- **Social Justice and Advocacy Committee**
 - Congo awareness week (October 13 to Saturday, October 24,). Reached out to friends of- Congo to come to sfu, but we weren't able to make it happen this year. For now we're planning to screen a film to recognize this, but are open to suggestions. We could also hold an informative discussion about the situation in Congo. This could be in collaboration with cjsf to put the discussion on the radio
 - Oct 19th - movie night
 - Oct 22nd- discussion panel
Adanna, Mekeil
- **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

- **BSSC and Space Committee.**
- **Food Justice.**
- **NSA**
- **SSA**

OPEN ISSUES OR CONCERNS.

- Volunteers requested SOCA to have an exec wall displaying all the executive members.
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Meeting Adjourned at [6:36pm]