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**SFU Students of Caribbean and African Ancestry (SOCA)**  
**[September 13th ] at [ 5:45PM]**

**ATTENDEES: Adanna , Stacy , Nobuhle, Emmanuel, Naomi, Trixie , Alson, Emiliya , Joanne. Balqees, Sge**

**MEETING AGENDA:**

**TERRITORY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

SOCA recognizes we are situated on the unceded territories Coast Salish Territories of the Musqueam, Kwikwetlem, Squamish and 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.

**ROUNDS**

(Name, Pronouns, Access needs, what was the Highlight of your summer?, What's one thing you're looking forward to this semester? )

- Adanna- She/ her , Travelling , looking forward to settling into the semester
- Nobu -Access needs met, She/her, nothing much of the summer, Looking forward to helping out more in soca and passing classes.
- Emmanuel- He/him , Access needs are met ,
- Trixie - She/her, Travelling,
- Yaye - Travelling, looking forward to the end of the semester
- Balqees- She/her, spending time with family, looking forward to trying Archery
- Naomi-She/ her,
- Liya- She/her, birthday was her highlight of the semester, looking forward to halloween
- Joanne- She/her, traveling and spending time with friends, looking forward to the end of the semester
- Wai- she/her , Birthday was the highlight of her semester,
- Alison- He/him, will need to leave early, Uncle waffles was the highlight of the summer, looking forward to completing the semester
- Stacy- She/her, access needs met,

**APPROVE MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING**

- **Approved**

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## REPORT OF OFFICERS

- **President**
  - Tabling for clubs day/ coordinating clubs day
  - Writing reference letters
  - Space shopping
  - Exec check ins
  - Preparing for the fall semester
  - Email correspondence
  
- **Vice President**
  - Followed up with BSSC hiring matters
  - Tabled on all 3 days of clubs day
  - Forwarded opportunity sent in to soca fro general members
  - Prepared meeting minutes
  - Promoted the bssc hiring in instagram and reach out to lots of external organisations to promote our hiring poster
  - Reposted other clubs events that we support
  - Wrote and signed off reference letters for general members applying for scholarships.
  - Came up with space shopping list.
  - Made connes
  
- **External Relations officer**
  - helped with clubs day
  - attended meeting with Hanna from Global Student Centre
  - communicated with external organisations
- **Internal Relations Officer**
  - Attended council meetings
  - Tabling for Clubs Day
  - Went Space shopping with Naomi and Adanna
- **Secretary (Sends regrets)**
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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: \$ 48, 650
    - Soca CG core fund: \$675
    - Staff Dept Levy: N/A
    - Scotiabank (external):\$6,535.95
    - Grant funding: N/A
  - Cheques Reqs to be submitted: Bowling for Exec retreat, Space shopping done on Sept 12th and meeting refreshments.
  - Helped out with clubs day

- **Events Coordinator:**
  - Tabling clubs day
  - Planning for upcoming events
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- **First Year Rep:**
  - **Tabling at clubs day**
  - **Made posters for the social**
  - **Planning out the social**
- **Grad Rep -**
- **FIC Rep**
  - Discussed collaborating with FIC student experience to engage with more students from there
- Tabled at Club's day
- **ITO:** (Sends regrets )
  - Tabling for clubs days
  - Made posters
  - Uploaded meeting minutes on the website
  - Posted on our Instagram feed
  - Promoting back to school event on our instagram
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- **Execs at large Mekeil:** Assisted with setting up and tabling on Clubs Day (Thursday)
- **Execs at large Naomi:**
  - Tabled at Clubs Day
  - Went space shopping
- **Execs at large Joanne**
  - **Made poster for the bssc hiring**
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#### **REPORT ON SPECIFIC MATTERS.**

- **Member sparked Interest to form a sub association, we are willing to support the establishment.**
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#### **DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

1. **Catch Ah Vybz**
  - Catch ah vybz is on September 27th
  - What food? -ethiopian food, north african food (morrocan food, dessert (um-ali egyptian
  - Attendance,
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2. **Back to school party Updates**
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3. **Mental Health Workshops**

- a. Black Healing Spaces
  - Led by Trisha K. Williams. Covers seasonal depression, it starts next Friday from 2-4 p.m. and it's biweekly. Online and in-person hybrid.
- b ) Men's mental health workshops
  - Restarting on October 18th.
  - NEW posters need to be made (Stay tuned for a new Title of the men's workshop)

#### **4. SOCA Fridge**

- Stocked every month with snacks and sandwich materials as well as cereal etc. keep it clean and be considerate of others. for it.
- Make any suggestions you have.

#### **5. BSSC Coordinator Hiring Updates?**

- Application period is done. Meetings are ongoing
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#### **6. Events for the semester (Dates)**

- a. First Year Social ( Oct 4th)
  - All set. Liya is planning.
- b. Caribbean Community Kitchen:
  - November 7th.
  - Planning in the works.
- c. Halloween event:
  - Will be a collab event with other BSU's
  - Fay from Douglas BSU reached out to me. Will be having a call with her on monday.
- d. Stacy /Wai event ( Name is yet to come!!! Stay tuned: )
  - Updated will be given next meeting
  - Anyone interested can join in the planning
  - October 31st.
- e. Any other events for the fall?

#### **7. Embark learning garden**

- **Restarting the learning garden from next week**
- **Open for anyone who's interested to join**
- **Stacy will be present on tuesdays**
- **Adanna's unions**

#### **8. Collaborations with GBS(Global student centre , GUA AFRICA)**

- **Possibility to come up with fundraising event to support GUA**

- **More consultations to be done.**
- **Global students associations social event ( execs needed to attend and represent SOCA )**
- **It's an opportunity for us to uplift our work.**

**9. ONYX Collaboration.**

- **ERO is planning a meeting with onyx to create networking opportunities for members**
- **Members are interested.**
- **Balquees attended the recent networking event and highly recommends future collaborations**

**10. Revamping the website**

- **Need to update and revamp the website.**
- **Joanne will help out with it.**

**COMMITTEE AND SUB-ASSOCIATIONS UPDATE**

- Social Justice and Advocacy Committee  
Adanna, Mekeil
- Cultural Events Committee.
- BSSC and Space Committee.
- Food Justice.
- NSA
- SSA

**MOTIONS**

**1. Reimbursement to Adanna for exec retreat.**

Whereas the SOCA executives had an exec bowling and dinner social on the 27 th of August.

Whereas there was a designated \$666 from line item #80 "Execs Transition Retreats, Training and Leadership Development" in Account #886/45 and Adanna spent the amount of \$942.08 for the executive retreat

Be it further resolved that the excess amount of \$276.08 to be taken out line item: #85 - CONTINGENCY/ SPILL OVER, Acct: [886/45]Governance and Miscellaneous.

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

**2. Reimbursement to Adanna Nduagu for Space Shopping**

Whereas SOCA needs to restock the BSSC Space

Whereas Adanna Nduagu purchased snacks and refreshments for the space

Be it resolved to reimburse Adanna Nduagu the amount of \$311.07 from  
Acct:[815/45]SOCA Operational and Administrative Account, line item #75

**Moved by [Yaye ] Second by [ Stacy]**  
**Carried unanimously**

**4. Reimbursement for September 13th Meeting refreshments.**

Whereas Soca conducted a General meeting on September 13th and refreshments were needed to be bought for general members and executives.

Whereas Emmanuel- Anthony purchased pizza for members.

Be it resolved to reimburse Emmanuel- Anthony the amount of \$41.49 from  
Acct:[886/45]Line item: #81 - Meetings Vouchers and Snacks.

**Moved by [Adanna ] Second by [Nobuhle ]**  
**Carried unanimously**

**OPEN ISSUES OR CONCERNS**

- None

**Meeting Adjournment moved by Nobuhle Seconded**  
**by [ Amina**

Meeting Adjourned at [ 7:26pm]

