

Memorandum of Understanding

Between

SFU Students of Caribbean and African Ancestry

and

SFU Somali Students Association

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) sets forth the terms between the SFU Students of Caribbean and African Ancestry (SOCA) and SFU Somali Students Association (SSA) for a relationship where SFU SSA is an Affiliate Sub-Association of SFU SOCA as defined in SOCA Constitution Section IV.6.

Background

SFU Students of Caribbean and African Ancestry and The Somali Students Association are two associations at SFU that represent collectives of students within and for the black community at Simon Fraser University. Somali Students Association seeks to advocate and create a relationship among Somali Students while SFU Students of Caribbean and African Ancestry seeks to initiate and maintain fellowship among Students of African and Caribbean Students on campus, centering the Black Community and allies in its efforts.

Purpose

This MOU will enhance the relationships among Students of African and Caribbean Descent on this campus and provides a framework for Somali Students to also be fully engaged among the Somali Student Community. As well, Somali Students will also be able to access the camaraderie between other Students of African and Caribbean Descent on Campus through its relationship with SOCA.

Therefore this outlines the relationship where the Somali Students Association is an Affiliate Sub-Association of SFU Students of Caribbean and African Ancestry

The above goals will be accomplished by:

- Somali Students Association (SSA) executives can be added to the volunteer list of SOCA and therefore have access to the code for the Black Community Services Center (Rotunda TC 317)
- SSA members as members of SFU SOCA have access to the Black Community Services Center's resources for example use of the space for meetings, use of the sofa, use of the television in the Office, the microwave and the library.
- If SSA wants to borrow equipment as an association, a request can be made to the SOCA Executive to which SOCA will notify SSA through SOCA's Secretary, Internal Relations Officer, or designate.
- Members of SSA may borrow books and the other lendable resources just like any other SOCA member
- SOCA shall include the Somali Students Association information on their website via the Sub-Associations subheading where SOCA shall outline information including but

not limited to: SSA's name; SSA's social media pages; SSA's sign up link, SSA's logo, SSA upcoming events and any information that SSA requests be put on that section of the website

- SSA membership be manually enrolled into the SOCA Mailing list periodically for them to have access to the newsletter to get updates on events and programming related to SOCA and the Black Community
- SOCA highlights all upcoming SSA events in the Bi-Weekly SOCA Newsletter where applicable
- Any other information agreed upon by the parties thereafter through motion at SOCA General Meetings

Reporting

- SOCA's secretary will ensure that the list of Sub-Associations will be compiled and kept up-to-date
- SSA may bring any item to place on the agenda at SOCA biweekly meetings held at the Black Community Services Center

Funding

- This MOU is not a commitment of funds
- SOCA and SSA may decide to submit joint grant requests for events depending on the particular event and if both organizations see that it fits for that particular event
- SOCA may on request, grant funding or allocate some of its funding as a 0% interest loan if the SOCA Executive and members approve at a one of the bi-weekly SOCA meetings

Duration

This MOU is at-will and may be modified by mutual consent of authorized officials from SFU Students of Caribbean and African Ancestry and the Somali Students Association. This MOU shall become effective upon signature by the authorized officials from SFU Students of Caribbean and African Ancestry and the Somali Students Association, and will remain in effect until modified or terminated by any one of the partners by mutual consent. If one party wishes to modify or terminate and there is an the absence of mutual agreement by the authorized officials from SFU SOCA and SSA, a sub-association relations working group should be struck, comprising of at least 2 members from each association and an external arbitrator to resolve the dispute. If the dispute is not resolved after a month, or a longer time if agreed upon among the relations committee, then the association that wishes to modify or terminate the agreement may give 6 months notice of termination of the agreement. In these 6 months, the party that wishes to terminate or modify the agreement, must continue to execute their roles and duties effectively.

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