

Students of Caribbean & African Ancestry  
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## **SFU Students of Caribbean and African Ancestry (SOCA)**

**March 06, 2020 at 5:01pm - Call to Order**

### **MEETING MINUTES**

#### **TERRITORY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

SOCA recognizes we are on the unceded Coast Salish Territories of the Musqueam, Squamish and Tsleil-waututh, Kwikwetlem, 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. It's important that we center indigenous voices and are allied with them in the advocacy that we do.

#### **ATTENDEES**

Hassan, Giovanni, Balqees, Sude, Laura, Emmanuel, Flourish, Fergo, Charity, Afia, Nathan, Heidi, Twinkle

#### **APPROVE MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING**

- **Approved**

#### **REPORT OF OFFICERS**

- **AFIA :**
  - **Black History Month Report**
    - Library Display
    - BHM Closing Ceremony
      - [TO-DO] Eileen to email
  - **SUB Space:**
    - Synopsis
      - 3 and 3a was proposed and we were suppose to enter into an agreement
      - Monday: Meeting with Executive Director and VP finance
      - Discussed and selected option 3
      - Wednesday: new motion to have an MoU and a lease
    - Bank- Nathan
      - Scotiabank account
      - Need to transfer signing authorities
      - Made appointment for 13th
      - Use meeting minutes from last year
      - [TO DO] Nathan: photocopies of 2 ID for current signing authorities

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## DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- Small socials
  - 11th Discussion (topic ideas)
    - Black Love (inclusive, not just hetero love)
    - Fegor - book exchange; use SOCA library
    - China in Africa (Burial of Kojo )
    - 13th movie
    - Queen and Slim
    - Burial of Kojo
  - 27th speed dating
  - Heat wave
    - [TO-DO]: Frank to make inquiries with Gym
- Sweet and Sour
  - Support black business
  - Re-establish some connection with Fortune
  - Team agreed to collab with Sweet and Sour have 1 event per semester to partner and not necessarily fully plan in terms of SOCA capacity side
  - SOCA to support Sweet and Sour by sharing on media
    - **March 26th** event
  - Suggestion from member: Should not engage in full collab until new executive team
    - Considering AfroVybz issues
    - President: this collab is between SOCA and Chris. Not committing 100% to Fortune
  - Final Fete
    - Spring pub night
    - Heist Entertainment to promote
  - Socials
    - Suggestion: Merge S&S event + planned ASA social
      - 2 members spoke opposed; social meet new people and mingling; the two events cater different audiences
- Tentative Election timeline:
  - 13th -24th open for nominations
  - 25th-26th final post to notify members of who is running
  - 27th- 3rd all elections open
  - 27th ,1st physicals voting
  - 3rd announcement
- Dancers announcement
  - Friday, 6:30-8:-30pm
  - Location TBA weekly (changes regularly)

- Blessed Party (external big semesterly party)
  - Not to go on with Blessed (external big semesterly party)
    - BSU and Soulgood, Suggestion: step back
    - Reasons:
      - Money troubles
      - DJ Shawayne not paid by Soulgood; made SOCA pay from ticket sales; SOCA made only \$60
      - Disrespectful to Shawayne; Mike Alacanta expressed don't want Shawayne
      - Blessed event
- Women's March
  - FIC
  - Convo Mall, through AQ, to FIC
  - Suggestion: put context of march and the happenings on SFU campus on posters example Townhouses assaults
  - Connect with RHA
  - Fegor to ask Women's Centre share on media

## MOTIONS

1. **Whereas**, Nominating Committee is to be struck for formation of elections and policies,  
**Be it resolved** that Giovanni HoSang, Afia Poku, and Eileen Kimaro be appointed as per constitution VI.6

Balqees moved, sude seconded

### **CARRIED**

- a. Discussion:

Giovanni - have been IEC before, understanding of processes

Afia- looking forward to smooth election

Hasan not comfortable with voting if one of the appointees not present

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## **ACTION ITEMS**

- Afia
- Flourish
- Juju
- Balqees
- Eileen: Email on BHM
- Nathan: follow up with Bank

## **MEETING ADJOURNMENT**

**Moved by Sude, Seconded by Hasan**

**CARRIED**

**Meeting adjourned at 6:32pm**