

Students of Caribbean & African Ancestry  
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**SFU Students of Caribbean and African Ancestry (SOCA)**  
**Jan 11, 2019 at 5:30pm**

**ATTENDEES:** Jessica Dickson, Afua Poku, Nathan Ngono, Flourish Adeogun, Ali Luna, Lema Ghailan, Sarah Osifo, Frank Pabai, Corbett Gildersleve, Sebastian Barretto, Balkees Jama

## **MEETING AGENDA**

### **TERRITORY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

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

### **ROUNDS**

(Name, Something about yourself that's not known to everyone, Access needs, Holiday fun, New Year Improvement)

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

- **Approved (Any issues with last minutes?)**

### **REPORT OF OFFICERS**

- President - Giovanni
  - FNSA POWWOW Committee
    - Cultural Sensitivity Training- Security Training
      - No update
  - Clubs Days tabling (table 90)
    - Confirmed Jan 16 and 17
    - Tuition Freeze Now Material
      - Need Buttons on display
      - Petition sharing
    - Our SFSS Campaign Material
      - Petition Sharing

- SOCA Black Spaces Matter Button Making at PIRG
    - We need help - Gio will reach out to Ali for button making
- [TO-DO]**
- Posters to be printed
    - Needs 6 volunteers for each day 2 hour per pair
- Tuition Freeze Now Coalition: Upcoming BOG meeting - SFSS Meeting
  - Submitted the BOG Presentation
    - We are on the agenda, 10 minute presentation
  - Met with the SFSS Regarding plan on Jan 24
    - They endorse the campaign
- Council Update
  - Meeting on the 16th Jan to Submit SOCA presentation
    - 4:30 at Forum Chambers
    - Lobbying DSUs for Support
  - Vying for a spot on council, voting the meeting afterwards
  - Meeting with Engineering Student Society President
- Email History Department for Halpern Center Booking cost
  - Black Spaces Matter Discussion
- Vice President - Travis
- Treasurer - Jessica
  - Signatory on Bank Account
    - To set up meeting with Bank Manager (Ben Du) and Travis+Giovanni+Jess
  - Mini-Audit of record since 2009
    - To form a team of 3 to go through records
  - Finance Report
    - Money Deposited:
      - Karakata gave us \$200 (**To Be Deposited**)
      - \$400 from Proceeds of Cultural Night (**To Be Deposited**)
    - Cheques Written:
      - Cheque # of **\$100.00** for First Nations Students Association passed from **14/12/2018 Motion 1** as Donation towards FNSA Powwow - **[To be done]**  
Signees: Giovanni HoSang and Travis Friday
    - SFSS Cheque Requisition to be done
      - Need all docs printed such as Baedu, Turunesh and Mufaro's Invoices
      - Need the Receipts of Abdul, Giovanni and Afia
      - Need the Invoice of the Food Catering and The Payment snapshot from Gio's phone
      - Should be sent in to the SFSS by the next meeting

- Should be done while Jessica is there to see the cheque req process in the way we do it
  - **Balance** of Bank Account: **still waiting**
- External Relations Officer - Abdul
- Internal Relations Officer - Balqees
  - Black Girl Magic Update
    - Feb 12 and 19, March 5 and 12 => 4pm - 7pm
    - Roadblocks:
      - SFSS communications issues, sorted by Paola
- Secretary - Afia
  - Candle Lighting Event with Paola
    - Will be done on return
  - Membership list update
    - 6 People, 7 People Subscribed
  - Library display
  - SOCA Dancers
    - Met with Dancers in week
    - More In-Discussion for later on
  - Sub-Association work
    - NSA: To Sign Up to have an MOU that Already Agreed
    - SSA: Already agreed
    - To Notify Clubs Coordinator after signing complete **[To-Do]**
- Events Coordinator - Natasha/Tim
  - Afro Vybz
    - Ran into Issues with Fortune
      - They didn't want to do the 10% online only split
      - We didn't have them agreeing in writing so was non-binding
      - We gave additional options and they chose one
    - Ended up agreeing on 15% of all sales
      - Confirmed in Writing
  - BHM Panel Discussion -
    - Needed a Venue: Halpern Centre - 126 max
    - Feb 16 - 4pm to 6pm
    - Natasha to Figure out set up
  - BHM Kickoff and Intro - Feb 4
    - Couldn't get Convocation Mall
    - Set up around fire pits
    - 6 tables, 4 display boards, fire pit and marshmallow, artists, poets, dancers, talk
    - 11am to 3pm - 12pm to 1pm Ceremony
    - Black History Month - Line Up for Poster
  - Welcome Day Update
    - Pamphlets printed

- 5 black students interested
- First Year Rep
  - Statement to The Public
    - **Done**
  - To the SFSS
    - Pending
  - Response to Terry Beech
    - Pending

## REPORT ON SPECIFIC MATTERS

- DSU support for Campaign
- DSU Support for Council

## DISCUSSION ITEMS

- SOCA Dancers
  - Perform for the Feb 4 + 16 + Talent Night + AAI Cultural
  - Poster for Dance Team
    - For recruiting by Ali
    - SOCA logo, SFSS logo
  - Budget for Dance Team
    - Costumes, Outfit and other stuff needed
    - How much we have for certain reimbursements for events
    - Entry Meeting for SOCA Dancers - No person new past the entry meeting
    - Clubs Days Sign Up **[To-Do]**
- Events Timeline
  - Week of Welcome Jan 10 | Clubs Days Jan 16/17
  - SFSS Consultation ED Jan 8 | BOD Tuition Meeting Jan 24
  - Jan 24 Icebreaker 6pm | Jan 30 Afro Vybz | Feb 2 Afrofest | Feb 4 BHM Kickoff | BlackFilmFest Feb 5-8 | Feb 16 BSM | March 1 Nominations Open | March 10 Nominations Closed | March 22 | March 30 Final Fete
  - Black Film Festival
    - Four Films: Fegor to present options **[To-Do]**
  - Discussion Wednesdays: Jan 30 | Feb 27 | Mar 20 | April 3
    - Afro Latinx - Reach out to Paola for one of the days **[To-Do]**
  - Black Girl Magic Workshop: Feb 12+19, Mar 5+12
- Event with Iranian Community
  - Reach out to Iranian Event **[To-Do]**
- SFU Focus
  - Reach out to Focus, they wanted to have us do a collaboration with them from the FIC meeting **[To-Do]**
- Workshop on Knowing Our Rights
  - Reach out to Lama
- Email for Black History Month Cultural Showcase Feb 26

- Reach out and we help and add value to the event in a very tangible manner
- Do a call out for performers and artists
- Give out artists to the show and we promote the event that's held there
- Funding Options- Tim
  - Suggestion that we have something with the school having a large event that has a big black professional coming into the school that adds large value
    - Africa Business Club raises \$150k from their events
    - Find out how to get big professionals
    - What do u think we can do to get someone
    - Another time for various industries like tech, business, health etc
    - Reach out to the past execs to find out how they brought in Molefi Kete Asante.
- Call Out for Nominating Committee (Committee of 3-5)
  - Interests
    - Giovanni
    - Balqees
    - Travis
    - Corbett

## COMMITTEE AND SUB-ASSOCIATIONS UPDATE

- Social Justice, Advocacy and Outreach Committee
  - Tasked with Planning of Feb 16 Black Spaces Matter Discussion
  - SOCA Campaign
- Cultural Events Committee
  - Feb 4 Intro/Kickoff and Black Film Festival
- Party and Pub Night Committee
  - AfroVybz Jan 30
- BCSC Committee (Afia)
  - Library list to complete
- NSA
  - Draft MOU sent out. Need a motion carried to allow Afia the Secretary to sign final draft
- SSA
  - MOU sent. Need a motion carried to allow Afia the Secretary to sign final draft

## MOTIONS

1. **Whereas**, Somali Students Association has agreed to be an Affiliate Sub-Association of the Students of Caribbean and African Ancestry as defined in the SOCA Constitution Section IV.6  
**Be it resolved**, that Secretary, Afia Poku, sign the Memorandum of Understanding between Somali Students Association and SFU SOCA that outlines the terms of the

relationship

Giovanni moved. Corbett Seconded

**CARRIED**

2. **Whereas**, Nigerian Students Association and SFU Students of Caribbean and African Ancestry are in negotiations regarding Nigerian Students Association becoming an Affiliate Sub-Association of the Students of Caribbean and African Ancestry as defined SOCA Constitution Section IV.6

**Whereas**, both parties end up agreeing to the terms of the MOU

**Be it resolved**, that Secretary, Afia Poku, sign the Memorandum of Understanding between Nigerian Students Association and SFU Students of Caribbean and African Ancestry that outlines the terms of the relationship

Flourish Moved, Sarah Seconded

**CARRIED**

**ACTION ITEMS FOR EXEC**

- Afia:
  - Candle Lighting event and Library Display
- Jessica:
  - Get added as signatory to bank account
  - Sort out Gaps on Bank statements we have, request from Banks
  - To Write Cheque # of \$100.00 for First Nations Students Association passed from 14/12/2018 Motion 1 as Donation towards FNSA Powwow
- Gio:
  - Reach out to Ali for buttons to be printed
  - Send letter of support requests
  - Get funding from TSSU by sending email requesting \$300
  - Send Council Email
  - Reach out to Lama regarding the Workshop on Knowing Your rights
- Reach out to Focus Club
- Reach out to Paola for the Discussion Wednesdays to show which one of the days
- Flourish: To reach out to Fegor for options on what to watch

**OPEN ISSUES OR CONCERNS**

1. None

**Meeting Adjournment moved by Travis Friday, Seconded by Jessica Dickson**

Meeting Adjourned at 7:15pm