

Students of Caribbean & African Ancestry  
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**SFU Students of Caribbean and African Ancestry (SOCA)**  
**Jan 25, 2019 at 5:00pm**

**ATTENDEES:** Afia Poku, Lema Ghailan, Giovanni HoSang, TB, Ayesha K, Tim Maruti, Abdulkadir Yusuf, Eileen Kimaro

## **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 need, New Year Improvement)

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

- **Approved**

### **REPORT OF OFFICERS**

- President - Giovanni
  - Tuition Presentation to BOG
    - Synopsis
      - 35 people showed up, presentation well received, a lot of tabling to be done going forward. Will attend Breakfast with Petter on the 8th Feb
    - Meeting with VP Finance
      - Meeting upcoming, need someone else from SOCA to attend as a help to the Tuition Freeze Campaign
    - Finance Committee
      - Opportunity to raise the Tuition issues at this committee meeting of the SFU Board of GOvernors
    - BOG meeting March 21 Burnaby
      - Aim is to get 100 ppl aim to show up.

- FNSA POWWOW Committee
  - No update
- Black Spaces Matter
  - Booking complete for Halpern Center
- Black Film Festival
  - Booking Complete
- Black History Kickoff
  - Booking Complete
- Flourish had reached out for the movies
  - to be discussed further in BFF planning
- Vice President - Travis
  - Poster for BHM timeline **[To-Do]**
- Treasurer - Jessica
  - Mini-Audit of record since 2009 **[To-Do]**
  - Finance Report
    - Money Deposited:
      - Karakata gave us \$200
        - **Has been deposited**
      - \$400 from Proceeds of Cultural Night
        - **Has been deposited**
      - Carnival Sensations \$809.35
        - **Deposited**
        - **ERO to send Thank You Statement [To-Do]**
    - Cheques Written:
      - Cheque # of **\$100.00** for First Nations Students Association passed from **14/12/2018 Motion 1** as Donation towards FNSA Powwow - **[To-Do]**  
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
      - Cheque req submitted for Cultural Night **[TO DO] Friday Jan 25**
    - **Balance** of Bank Account: **\$2752.35**
- External Relations Officer - Abdul
  - Send thank You message to Carnival Sensations for donation **[To-Do]**
- Internal Relations Officer - Balqees

- Black Girl Magic Update
    - Sent Paola list of ppl registered
- Secretary - Afia
  - Peak Interview on SOCA w/AP, BAJ, AY
    - Talking about progress
      - Campaign update we sent the letter to the SFSS outlining why it's important, support from Joey Hansen
  - Candle Lighting Event with Paola
    - No update Yet **[To-do]**
  - SFU Focus
    - Reach out to Focus, they wanted to have us do a collaboration with them from the FIC meeting **[To-Do]**
  - Membership list update
    - **3 unsubscribed**
    - **0 subscribed**
  - Library display
    - Email sent, Confirmed Feb 1-28 Done
  - Sub-Association work
    - NSA: **Signed with Amendments**
    - SSA: Already agreed
      - To Sign **[To-Do]**
    - To Notify Clubs Coordinator after signing complete **[To-Do]**
- Events Coordinator - Natasha
  - Icebreaker
    - ~40 of People that came, Food came late
  - Afro Vybz
    - Tickets updates - doing much better
    - Frats pulled out of possible agreement
    - Sorority to decide on agreement **[To-Do]**
    - SFU2018: Post on Monday
      - People to comment and like and comment
  - BHM Panel Discussion 4pm - 6pm
    - To reach out to Sebastian **[To-Do]**
  - BHM Kickoff and Intro - Feb 4
    - 11am to 3pm - 1pm to 2pm Ceremony
- Exec at large - Tim Maruti
  - Event with Iranian, ALAS, Arab Stu Assoc
    - Event with many cultural groups at club ilia **[to-do]**
- First Year Rep
  - Follow up Button Design **[To-Do]**

## DISCUSSION ITEMS

- Terry Beech MP - Incident with SFSS
  - Synopsis of Situation
  - Letter to Terry Beech, Response from Terry Beech, Letter to Terry Beech
  - Discussion:
    - TB: SFSS minutes wrong, contents of letter correct, jurisdiction is SFSS but willing to think on drafting issues
- Iron Dog Books Store
  - Has storefront space for free for up to 30 people for larger meetings
    - Discussion Wednesday Venue on day
      - Follow up for Feb 27 Discussion Wednesday to use their space
- SOCA Black Spaces Matter Button Making at PIRG
  - We need help - Gio will reach out to Ali for button making
    - **Teresa Completed**
- Black Community Council - BC African Diaspora Alliance
  - ERO, President or someone else who has the time
- Events Timeline
  - Black Film Festival:
    - Four Films:
      - Lionheart
      - The Hate You Give
      - Queen of Katwe
      - Blackkkklansman
  - Discussion Wednesdays: Feb 6 | Feb 27 | Mar 20 | April 3
    - Feb 27: Paradox of Identity, Who is Black?  
African/Caribbean/African-American/African Diaspora dilemma
    - March 20: China in Africa: Investment or Neocolonialism
    - March 20: Black Identity in South America: Afro Latinx
    - March 27: Black Identity in South America: Afro Latinx
    - April 3: Afia - **[To-Do]** Jan 30 due date
  - Black Girl Magic Workshop: Feb 12+19, Mar 5+12
- Email for Black History Month Cultural Showcase Feb 23
  - SOCA Dancers - Able to perform
  - SOCA to find businesses for showcase: LagosChop and JB comes to mind
- 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)
  - Motion to nomination Gio, Abdul, Travis and Corbett for Elections

## REPORT ON SPECIFIC MATTERS

- DSU Support for Campaign
- DSU Support for Council

## COMMITTEE AND SUB-ASSOCIATIONS UPDATE

- Social Justice, Advocacy and Outreach Committee
  - SOCA Campaign
    - The help from SFPIRG to make buttons and postering
    - Email campaign
    - Bit.ly/savesoca
- 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
- SOCA Dancers
- NSA
  - MOU signed
- SSA
  - MOU to be signed

## MOTIONS

1. **Whereas**, Bank account signatories for account number 727100020003018,  
**Be it resolved** that bank account name be reflected as "SFU Students of Caribbean and African Ancestry"  
**Be it further resolved**, that bank account signatories be transferred from the "President - Giovanni HoSang" and VP "Travis Friday"  
 to  
 "President - Giovanni HoSang", "Treasurer - Jessica Dickson", "Secretary - Afia Poku" and "VP - Travis Friday"  
 Giovanni Moved/Frank Pabai Seconded  
**CARRIED**
2. **Whereas**, Nominating Committee is to be struck for formation of elections and policies,  
**Be it resolved** that Giovanni HoSang, Abdul Yusuf, Travis Friday and Corbett Gildersleve be nominated as per constitution VI.6  
 Afia Poku Moved/Frank Pabai Seconded  
**CARRIED**

## **ACTION ITEMS FOR EXEC**

- Travis
  - Poster for BHM timeline
- Afia:
  - Candle Lighting event and Library Display
  - Decide on topic for Discussion Wednesday Apr 30
- Jessica:
  - Get added as signatory to bank account
  - Set up meeting with Bank next week
  - 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:
  - Send letter of support requests
  - Get funding from TSSU by sending email requesting \$300
  - Send Council Email
  - Reach out to Paola for the Discussion Wednesdays to show which one of the days
  - Reach out to Lama regarding the Workshop on Knowing Your rights
- Tim
  - Reach out to Focus Club
- Abdul:
  - Send Thank You Statement to CS
- Natasha
  - Reach out to Sebastian

## **OPEN ISSUES OR CONCERNS**

1. Need money for Printing for Coloured Pamphlets for the BHM Library Display
2. Afia to Propose NSA an Actual Facebook Page and to see how SOCA can assist in this

**Meeting Adjournment moved by Afia Poku, Seconded by Frank Pabai**

Meeting Adjourned at 7:06pm