

Students of Caribbean & African Ancestry  
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**SFU Students of Caribbean and African Ancestry (SOCA)**  
**September 13, 2019 at 4:10 pm - Call to Order**

**ATTENDEES: Brian Warui, Alea Mohammed, Simone Tardif, Zenna Nelson, Sebastian Medina, Naomi Oko, Afia Poku, Balkees Jama, Jessica Dickson**

## **MEETING MINUTES**

### **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, Access need, What you looking forward to this weekend)

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

- **Approved/ Not Approved**

### **REPORT OF OFFICERS**

- President - Afia
  - Plan for the Semester
    - 25th Anniversary
      - Merge with cultural dinner
    - Drama team play?
  - Candle Collage Event with Paola
    - Deferred to Fall semester
    - Need to set an official date...
  - Sharmila email
    - Wants to have a fundraiser. Works with Carnival Sensations
    - Burger and Beer Fundraiser for Bahamas
    - Fundraiser at sports home game? Check with recreation
  - Space issue
    - Updated new members on situation
- Vice President - Sebastian

- Print business cards for members (vista )
- Posters along transparent glass (events, black leaders, etc..)
- Treasurer - Nathan
  - Mini-Audit of record since 2009 **[To-Do]**
    - With Jessica at the end of Summer Semester
  - Finance Report
    - Money Deposited:
    - Transfer account signees, set up meeting with Scotiabank
      - Email address of personnel in [sfusoca@gmail.com](mailto:sfusoca@gmail.com)
      - Should be done in September **[To-Do]**
    - **Balance** of Bank Account: ~\$4000
- External Relations Officer - Flourish
  - Black History Month Working Group
    - Surrey meeting occurred
  - Trinity Western Uni. ACC : Update
    - Had a potluck last year at Trinity Western
    - Looking to collab again
    - They want to have a dinner Feb 14th. (another date preferred).
- Internal Relations Officer - Jasmine
  - Council Meeting Update
- Secretary - Eileen
  - Membership list update → Email list
    - **# of Members: 360**
    - **0 subscribed, 1 unsubscribed**
  - Sub-Association work
  - Mark McLaughlin 🇧🇲 Bahamas Fundraising
- Events Coordinator - Juanita
  - Blessed: Back to School Updates
- Exec at large - Frank
  - Suggestion for Event with Iranian, ALAS, Arab Stu Assoc
    - To decide who to reach out to the clubs
      - Event with many cultural groups (At The Study) **[To-Do]**
      - Work With Balqees
- Exec at large - Balqees
  - Somali Students Association election results to be announced Monday
- Exec at large - Representatives
  - Grad Rep - Eji :

- Tssu/Tuition Freeze Now Campaign updates
- 1st Year Rep - Osob :
  - SSA liaison Updates
- To brainstorm ideas for FIC event with Shaun
- FIC Rep - Shaun:
  - To brainstorm ideas for FIC event with Osob
    - Wants to reach out to first year students
      - Talk about majors
      - Highlight drugs issues
      - Alongside buddy program → Soca members only

## DISCUSSION ITEMS

- Events Timeline
  - Peer Check Program Starts: September 9
    - Coordinators Sign Up
  - Study Hall : Sept 9 - Dec
  - Catch Ah Vybz : Sep 18
  - Blessed Back to School Party:
    - Contract Details
    - Tickets Sold
  - Black Film Nights (Movie Selections)
    - Sep 27: Us w/ Lupita (Horror)
    - Oct 16: Queen and Slim
    - Nov 15:
  - Tribal (Pub Night) Nov 9
    - Club Ilia
    - Or The Study
  - Cultural Night Nov 24 ( Venue TBA)
    - Merge with 25th anniversary
  - FIC Event
  - Panel Discussion Suggestion
    - Debate: topic TBA (late October)
    - Reach out to Asa, SSA, NSA
  - Event with Residence: to introduce first years to SOCA.
    - Mentor / Buddy Program (Planning Team : Afia, Tim, Eileen, Shaun, Osob, Simran, Gio, Fati, Jasmine, Flourish, Fatima, Nathan, Brian )
    - Lofty to Help with the Buddy Program
    - Message Reslife for space on Welcome Day

- Discussion Wednesdays:
  - Sep 25:
  - Oct 18:
  - Nov 13:
  - China in Africa
- 25th Anniversary Celebration
- Internal Community Relations
  - Sync with SFPIRG on Disorientation Week
- By-Elections

## REPORT ON SPECIFIC MATTERS

- Space Issue Support:
  - Summer Debrief
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## COMMITTEE AND SUB-ASSOCIATIONS UPDATE

- Nominating Committee
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- Social Justice, Advocacy and Outreach Committee
  - SOCA Space Campaign:
    - Synopsis
    - New Strategy:
      - Attend Board Meetings (Next Meeting: \_\_)
    - Set meeting with the SFSS Executives
    - To report on Tshirt printing screen from the \$280 remaining for the black spaces matter campaign. **Not done.**
    - Pick a date to start campaigning
    - Means of support Including letters, videos etc
    - Event for Support
- Parties and Pub Night Committee
- Cultural Events Committee
- BCSC Committee (Eileen)
  - Library list to completed **[To-Do/ Done]**
  - Email and call people to return the books **[To-Do/ Done]**
  - Sebastian and Eileen
  - Date TBA
- SOCA Dancers
  - Set date for first meeting
  - Suggest addition of cultural dances with the help of Keseke (Afia)
  - Undetermined for Jouvert
- NSA
  - Events : **[To-Do]**
    - No No updates

- SSA
  - Events for the sem:
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## MOTIONS

- **Whereas, \$\_\_\_** was spent for Jouvert on the mountain on 17th August 2019  
**Whereas, \$\_\_\_** was spent from the Space Campaign Fund and \$\_ from various members  
**Be it resolved** that \$\_\_\_ be reimbursed to the respective people, as well as the space campaign fund.
  - a. Discussion: Pass at future meeting when totals come in

## WITHDRAWN

## OPEN ISSUES OR CONCERNS

- Sign Up system (Website and SFSS Portal)
  - Get people on our list to sign up for clubs
  - Eileen Send out email [to-do]
- ALAS rep. Sebastian Medina:
  - Open Mic Night for Amazon before Midterms
    - Check with Pub if % of drink sales go to Amazon
  - Dance lessons for Bahamas
  - ALAS ice breaker Thursday, Maggie Benson 3901
- Corbett
  - Establish club to recruit and train progressive students to run for office (SFSS Board of Directors and SFU Senate)
  - Need help making connections, logistics, etc.

## ACTION ITEMS FOR EXEC (To keep track of to-do's above)

- **Afia**
  - Candle Collage Event with Women Center
- **Sebastian**
  - Create more Posters
- **Jasmine**
  - Reach out to thee sfss
- **Jessica**
  - Mini-Audit of record since 2009
- **Nathan**
  - Reach out to the bank to sort out the transfer of signatories
- **Eileen**
  - Library list to be completed

- Eileen Send out email for members to sign up to sfss portal
- **Tim**
  - Event with many cultural groups (The Study) **[to-do]**
  - **Should be taken over by other member**
- **All**
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**Meeting Adjournment moved by Naomi, Seconded by Balqees.**

Meeting Adjourned at 5:16pm