

Students of Caribbean & African Ancestry
TC 317 (Rotunda)
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SFU Students of Caribbean and African Ancestry (SOCA)
Nov 16, 2018 at 3:00pm

Attendees: Abdul Yusuf, Balqees Jama, Giovanni HoSang, Lema Ghailan, Afia Poku, Travis Friday, Tim Maruti, Natasha Kimathi, Frank Pabai, Eji Mimiko, Tim Smith

Meeting Agenda:

- Territory Recognition - 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 and it is with that in mind that we work toward anti-oppression and decolonization in advancing the work of recognizing indigenous sovereignty in the advocacy that we also partake in.
- Rounds (Name, Something about yourself that's not known to everyone, Access needs, One thing you had good this week and one you're looking forward to)
- Approved Minutes from Last Meeting.
- Report of Officers:
 - Afia
 - MyInvolvement:
Afia will talk to ISS first
Reach out to MyInvolvement: Giovanni to email myinvolve.sfu.ca to find out how to get volunteer hours mapped to student hours
 - Start student hours tracking before approaching MyInvolvement
 - Kesseke: To reach out to Kesseke for Performance
 - Fully confirmed Food for Cultural Night
 - Abdul
 - Report on UBC BSU Inaugural Meeting
 - Inspiring, 50 People, Centering voices of Black People
 - Abdul to set up Cultural Night Meeting
 - Setting up meeting with Committee at 3pm
 - Tim
 - Report on Fire Pits with SOCA
 - 15 people, interview took place
 - Had people having good dialogue around race issues on campus

- Travis
 - Report on Pub Night (Rough overview and what we can improve on)
 - DJ Dappa+DJ Shawayne - props for the music
 - Small amount of people ~ 50, but high energy.
 - Profit: \$294.00 profit deposited
- Balqees
 - Balqees and interviewed with SOCA regarding space issue with sociology group
 - Group researching the history of the Black Community in Vancouver
 - Interested in our lived experiences as Black Students
 - Wanted to hear about our unique situation on eviction in the SFU Community
- Giovanni:
 - Promoted Jangubuzz Page
 - Can't go to their launch
 - Burnaby MP Terry Beech:
 - Nov 1: Reached to Minister Ahmed Hussein's staffer to remind Terry on meeting
 - Lagos Chop next 2 meeting
 - How to support
 - Met with Nelson from South Africa for Nov 14 Discussion Wednesday. Expropriation of Land without Compensation in South Africa.
 - Postponed to November 21
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- Report on people reaching out to the various DSUs for support
 - International Studies SU
 - MBB
 - World Lit SU
 - Environment SU
 - Geography SU
 - MSA(Abdul)
- Discussion Items
 - Dance Proposal
 - Farnaz:
 - Ellen
 - Jessica to sync up with Dancers plus to see if we would
 - Space Update
 - SFU related
 - SFU reports that original agreement had all RC in SUB from the onset

- Fire Pits with Rotunda Community
 - Open for this event to be a monthly event, open to having more with Rotunda Community
 - Balkees to follow up and plan others with Rotunda Community members
- Black To School Event
 - BSU inspired name
 - Chris from Fortune willing for us to decide and put together event
 - Fortune will do marketing etc event at forum not possible
 - Abdul Pitches Black to School event at Fortune
 - Pitch it to SFU and UBC black orgs
 - Get the Venue booked
- Black Displacement in Vancouver group presentation
 - Nov 29 Harbour Centre 8:30am
 - Sebastian + Elisha
 - Balkees to Attend
 - Sebastian to share the presentation with SOCA
- Popcorn handling for a Smashdown event @ DFA
 - We get the popcorn machine from SFSS for the **29th Nov** for Silly Debates event
 - Popcorn machine for Faculty Smashdown approved
 - Popcorn to buy. Travis Giovanni Afia Tim Smith
- TumblerShare
 - Have them pitch to us on Nov 30th
- Fifa World Cup with Ismali Students Association in Conference Rooms
 - Will need to take our PS3 and TV down
 - **Nov 30**
 - **Launched**
- Committees

(Committees may be comprised of any volunteer and may represent SOCA pending approval from the Executive Body. The people who signed up to be a part of each committee is on the volunteer [form](#))

 - Cultural Night Discussion
 - Abdul:
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 - Cultural Night Meetings scheduled, Get Update from Committee member.
 - Date change 24th
 - Whatsapp group in progress
 - 50 people aim
 - Finalize all events logistics
- Campaign Planning for SPACE (Discussion)
 - Last meeting was at 900+ signatures.
 - Get letters of support

- Am Johal, History Prof, Geography Prof, June Francis, SFUFA

ACTION ITEMS FOR EXEC

- Afia: My Involvement contacting
- Jessica: Cheques for Giovanni HoSang and Afia Poku to be written
- Jessica: Take in check from Trinidad Association to Scotiabank and deposit other money
- Abdul: Pitch Black to School event
- Abdul: Coordinate Cultural Events Committee reaching out
- Gio: To Reach out to Eji on wording on website for the History
 - Not a necessity: moved by Tim, Abdul seconded, Voted In the Affirmative by Abdul, Balkees, Travis, Afia

Upcoming:

- Discussion Wednesday Nov 21 (starts at 4:30), Cultural Night Nov 24, Faculty Smash Nov 29, FIFA Nov 30.
- Meeting for Black Girl Mafic Tuesday Nov 27 at 2pm:
Who can come: Balkees, Afia

Motions

- **None**

Open issues or concerns

1. Paola candle-lighting and storytelling: Roots Ancestry
 - a. Bring it up in meeting with Paola
2. Make sure space clean and compost
3. Change of room code monthly - volunteer access to room code. All have access to use.
To regulate due to sensitive data and equipment in space.

Meeting Adjourned - 5:00pm