

Students of Caribbean & African Ancestry  
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**SFU Students of Caribbean and African Ancestry (SOCA)**  
**June 21, 2019 at 5:10pm - Call to Order**

**ATTENDEES:** Shaun Angawa, Sebastian Baretto, Sam, Afia Poku (phone call), Halima

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

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

- **Approved/ Not Approved**

### **REPORT OF OFFICERS**

- President - Afia
  - Tuition Freeze Update
    - Report on Meeting with the TSSU and Working group to have with Eji
      - General Assembly Tuition Freeze Now May 29 at 11am
      - To Reach out to Eji to hear what happened at the meeting
  - Candle Collage Event with Paola
    - Deferred to this semester
      - To decide on a date in other issues
  - Email from the sfss on discussions on the space issue

**12 July 2019**

- Vice President - Sebastian
  - Print business cards for members (vista )
  - Vote on it
  - Posters along transparent glass (events, black leaders, etc..) → Good for promotion.
  - Redbubble

- Treasurer - Nathan
  - Mini-Audit of record since 2009 **[To-Do]**
    - With Jessica at the end of the sem
  - Finance Report
    - Money Deposited:
      - **TSSU's** Donation Remaining for Campaign Use
        - \$280 Remaining
    - Cheques Written:
      - Reimburse the Space campaign fund
      - There needs to be a transfer of authority
    - Transfer account signees, set up meeting with Scotiabank
      - Email address of personnel in [sfusoca@gmail.com](mailto:sfusoca@gmail.com)
      - Should be done in May **[To-Do]**
    - **Balance** of Bank Account: ~\$4000
- External Relations Officer - Flourish
  - No meeting or feedback from ERO
- Internal Relations Officer - Jasmine
  - No feedback- because there was no council meeting
- Secretary - Eileen
  - Membership list update → Email list
    - **# of Members: 361**
    - **2 subscribed, 0 unsubscribed**
  - Sub-Association work
    - Ppl to let us know to bulk order T-shirts
- Events Coordinator - Juanita
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- 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
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- Exec at large - Representatives
  - Grad Rep - Eji :
    - Tssu/TFN updates
  - 1st Year Rep - Osob :
    - SSA liaison

- try to get more carpets for prayer from the Interfaith Centre.
  - 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
      - Alongside buddy program → Soca members only

## DISCUSSION ITEMS

- Events Timeline
  - Jouvert on the Mountain 2019: decide on July 1 (Monday)
    - SFSS has a 10 working day policy to get the grant → July 20th, 2019
    - NCA → Beach party TBA
  - FIC Event:
  - Panel Discussion Suggestion
    - Have a panel discussion around July
    - Reach out to ASA to see if they would be willing, other groups in Vancouver
  - Biking with the Black community updates(Afia)
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  - Caribbean Day Festival Updates: July 27 and July 28
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  - 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 )
    - Message Reslife for space on Welcome Day
  - Discussion Wednesdays:
    - June 12: China in Africa: Investment or Neocolonialism (Nelson : yet to ask him)
    - July 10 : Black Identity in South America: Afro Latinx (Paola)
    - Aug 7: Paradox of Identity, Who is Black - Africa/AfricanAmerican/BlackCaribbean/Diaspora dilemma (Gio)

## REPORT ON SPECIFIC MATTERS

- Council Update → No update
- Space Issue Support:
  - Response for meeting with the SFSS Board
- SOCA as a constituency Group Tier 2 (SFSS vote 30th May 2019)
  - Approved!!!!!!!
  - Access to more resources

- More recognition from the University and SFSS
- Strengthens our position to keep space, less out of pocket costs

## 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: 30th May)
    - 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 in the Summer
    - Means of support Including letters, videos etc
    - Event for Support
    - Wait for date→ After the 12th
- 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 : Pool Party Update **[To-Do]**
    - No No updates
- SSA
  - Events for the sem:
    - Basketball event (to add dates) **[to-do]** secretary
    - Bbq (to add dates)
    - No updates

## MOTIONS

No motions

## 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]

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

- **Afia**
  - Candle Collage Event with Women Center
- **Sebastian**
  - Create more Posters
- **Nathan**
  - Reach out to the bank to sort out the transfer of signatories
  - Mini-Audit of record since 2009
- **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 Sebastian , Seconded by Halima .**

Meeting Adjourned at 6:15