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SOAC Agenda and Meeting Minutes

September 21st, 2026, 5:00-8:15 pm

- I. Call to order
 - A. Meeting is called to order at 5:13 PM
- II. Roll call
 - A. Present: Ella, Drew, Ghlyah, Tejas, Bridget (SOAC), Bridget (CUSG rep), Grace, & Freya
 - B. Absent: N/A
- III. Approval of Agenda
- IV. Food Operational Requests
- V. New Business
 - A. 5:15 PM: Korean American Student Association
 1. *Funding Request Title: Operations - Food and Materials - 2026-2027*
 - a) Requesting \$930
 - (1) Food - \$500
 - (2) Parts/Materials/Supplies - \$430
 - b) Presentation Notes:
 - (1) The Korean American Student Association requested funding for food and materials for its general meetings. The organization requested food for the semester, including food relevant to Korean culture, with plans to purchase catering and food from Costco and H Mart. The organization stated that food serves as an engagement tool, as well as a recruitment, retention, and meeting-attendance incentive. It also requested materials and supplies to support creative and innovative activities during meetings.
 - c) Questions:
 - (1) How many active members does the organization have?

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- i. The organization has 12 executive board members and had 108 attendees at its first meeting. Average attendance at general body meetings is approximately 50 people.
- (2) Can the organization elaborate on the T-shirts and other supplies?
 - i. The T-shirts are intended for retreats and general members and will be requested through a separate request. The remaining materials are intended for collaborations with other campus organizations, general office supplies, and team-building activities.
- (3) How does the organization advertise on campus?
 - i. Instagram is the organization's primary outreach method. The organization also uses email newsletters, word of mouth, and presentations in classes. Members are encouraged to bring friends, and all students are welcome.
- d) Discussion:
 - (1) The board asked whether the operational food limit was \$500. It was clarified that CSI Finance had removed the amount above the limit from the request.
 - (2) The board also clarified that T-shirts were not included in this particular request.
 - (3) A board member stated that there were no concerns with the request, particularly because the organization was purchasing Costco food and the projected food costs from H Mart appeared reasonable for an organization with approximately 50 attendees.
- e) I move to approve Korean American Student Association for their total requested amount of \$930 | Grace
 - (1) 2nd | Ghlyah

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B. 5:30 PM: Big Mountain Club

1. *Funding Request Title: Operational - 2 way Radios - Fall 2026*

a) Requesting \$480

(1) Parts/Materials/Supplies - \$480

b) Presentation Notes:

(1) Big Mountain Club is a social outdoor organization at CU Boulder. The organization requested funding for walkie-talkies to provide a safety system during climbing activities. The organization does not charge dues and plans to store the radios in its on-campus locker. Members will be able to check the radios out for trips through an organizational checkout system. The equipment will be passed down between executive boards. The organization focuses on connecting students who are interested in outdoor activities and building a network so students can participate in outdoor activities together rather than alone.

c) Q&A:

(1) How does the organization advertise on campus?

i. The organization uses Instagram and a GroupMe for members.

(2) How many active members does the organization have, and how much new-member interest has it received?

i. The organization has 913 people in its GroupMe and gained approximately 200 new members at the beginning of the semester.

(3) Are meetings weekly, or does the organization hold additional meetings and events?

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- i. The organization holds events biweekly and uses them to create a social environment. Average attendance is approximately 20-40 people.

d) Discussion:

- (1) A board member stated that the requested equipment aligns with the organization's activities and appeared to be a reasonable request.
- (2) Another board member noted that requesting two sets was relatively conservative given the expense of the equipment.
- (3) The board clarified that the organization was purchasing four radios total, with the radios being sold in two-person kits.

- e) I move to approve Big Mountain Club for their total requested amount of \$480 | Ghlyah

(1) 2nd | Ella

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C. 5:45 PM: CU Quiz Bowl

1. *Funding Request Title: Operations: food, high school reading material, college reading material - Fall 2026*

- a) Requesting \$960

(1) How many active members does the organization have?

(2) Food - \$500

(3) Parts/Materials/Supplies - \$460

- b) Presentation Notes:

(1) CU Quiz Bowl is an academic trivia organization on campus. Many members participated in Quiz Bowl during high school, and the organization has an informal meeting structure. The organization requested funding for food, which serves as an incentive to encourage attendance. It

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also requested high school and college-level Quiz Bowl reading materials to help members develop their knowledge.

c) Q&A:

(1) How many active members does the organization have?

- i. We have had a minimum of 17, and our maximum is 30 usually.

(2) Does the organization advertise?

- i. The organization stated that it does not advertise extensively. The Be Involved Fair is its biggest source of recruitment, supplemented by word of mouth and members bringing friends.

(3) Since the organization is not currently competing, what does it do?

- i. The organization attempts to organize scrimmages with Colorado schools. During meetings, members read college-level material as well as more pop-culture-oriented material.

(4) What is the difference between the high school and college-level materials, and why are both used?

- i. The materials are intended to help address informational weaknesses. The high school-level material provides an easier entry point before members move to the more advanced college-level material.

(5) Are the materials single-use, and where are they stored?

- i. The materials are single-use.

d) Discussion:

(1) A board member noted that free versions of the requested materials may be available and questioned whether funding

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the materials represented the best use of funds given that the organization does not currently compete.

(2) The board noted that the materials are recycled on a four-year basis. It was also noted that archives of Quiz Bowl materials are available for free on the Quiz Bowl website.

(3) A board member suggested that the organization could potentially partner with local high schools.

(4) The board questioned why the organization was not using the free online materials and whether the organization was aware of them.

(5) Another board member stated that the organization may not be aware of the free archive and that additional information would help clarify why the paid materials are necessary.

(6) The board agreed that, if the request were tabled, it would be useful to ask what differences exist between the requested materials and the free online archive.

e) Move to table indefinitely CU Quiz Bowl for their total requested amount of \$960 | Ella

(1) 2nd | Grace

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D. 6:15 PM: Women in Design and Planning

1. *Funding Request Title: Operations - Pumpkin Paint & Sip - Oct 21, 2026*

a) Requesting \$173

(1) Food - \$43

(2) Parts/Materials/Supplies - \$130

b) Presentation Notes:

(1) Women in Design and Planning is a new campus organization whose mission is to empower and support women in design and planning professions. The

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organization promotes networking and seeks to create a supportive community. The funding request would support an October 21 community-building event in the ENVD building. The organization plans to purchase pumpkins and painting supplies. Extra pumpkins and event materials will be stored in the organization's advisor's office. The advisor is an ENVD professor with an office on campus. The organization expects approximately 20 students to attend, which is consistent with attendance at its first meeting. The organization also requested compostable cups, cinnamon rolls, rice, cinnamon sticks, and a drink dispenser for a Mexican rice-cinnamon beverage.

c) Q&A:

(1) How does the organization plan to advertise the event?

- i. The organization plans to create posters and place them around the ENVD building. It also uses GroupMe and Instagram and promoted those channels at the Be Involved Fair.

(2) How will the event help create greater connection within the organization?

- i. The organization stated that holding the event after midterms provides students with a creative outlet. Members attend the organization to connect with others and build a community outside of their academic majors.

d) Discussion:

(1) A board member stated that the request appears aligned with the organization's mission.

(2) Another board member stated that there were no concerns but noted some uncertainty about how much painting material CSI already provides.

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- e) Move to approve Women in Design and Planning for their total requested amount of \$173 | Tejas

- (1) 2nd | Drew

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E. 6:30 PM: Democracy Matters

1. *Funding Request Title: Operational - food for meetings, promotional items, general supplies - Fall 2026 - SOAC Request*

- a) Requesting \$961.97

- (1) Branded/Promotional Items - \$295.80

- (2) Printing - \$50

- (3) Advertising (canva-pro membership) - \$54

- (4) Food - \$476.41

- (5) Parts/Materials/Supplies - \$85.76

- b) Presentation Notes:

- (1) Democracy Matters is a student-run, nonpartisan, nonprofit organization whose mission is to increase voter registration and awareness around voter registration. The organization is part of a larger national organization. The funding request includes supplies for meetings and events, food for meetings, and administrative expenses. The organization requested T-shirts for new members, which members earn through engagement with the organization. It also requested printing funds for club materials and a Canva Pro subscription to create improved graphics and advertisements. The food request includes food for meetings and activities with other organizations. The organization also described a tradition of giving members a candy bar during meetings. Additional supplies are

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intended to support a club meeting and cleanup of Boulder Creek, including trash bags and other cleanup supplies.

c) Q&A:

(1) Will the Canva subscription be associated with an organizational email?

- i. The organization stated that it could use a club email and agreed that doing so would make the account easier to manage during leadership transitions.

(2) How many active members does the organization have?

- i. The organization ended the previous semester with 27 members and has since recruited additional members, bringing current membership to approximately 30-32.

(3) How are the requested T-shirts distributed?

- i. Members who attend at least three meetings become eligible to receive a free T-shirt. The organization plans to order only 10 shirts because it has remaining shirts from the previous year.

d) Discussion:

(1) A board member stated that the funding request would support the organization's promotional efforts and its Boulder Creek cleanup activities.

(2) Another board member agreed but suggested that the organization might be able to partner with the Environmental Center to obtain creek cleanup supplies at no cost.

(3) The board also discussed whether the candy bars should be removed from the request.

e) Move to table indefinitely Democracy Matters for their total requested amount of \$961.96 | Ella

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F. 6:45 PM: Trampoline Club

1. Funding Request Title: Operations - Gym Rental Fees - Fall 2026 & Spring 2027

a) Requesting \$2998.90

(1) Space Rental - \$2998.90

b) Presentation Notes:

(1) Trampoline Club requested funding for access to trampoline and gymnastics space. The club provides students with access to gymnastics-related activities and partners with a competitive team called Free Solo. The organization is open to students of all skill levels and hosts a fun event each semester. The organization described its environment as safe and fun and stated that it has never had an injury. The organization recently received an offer to hold practices at a new space on Pearl Street but is also considering a partnership with a gym in Longmont. The cost is the same for both locations. The request would cover the period from October 31 through May 1 and approximately 40 practice sessions.

c) Q&A:

(1) How many active members does the organization have?

- i. Attendance has ranged from approximately 5-25 people. The gym has a capacity limit of 12 participants, so attendance will be first come, first served. The organization also has approximately 600 people on its email list.

(2) What is the rental rate?

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- i. From October 31 through May 1, the organization would have 40 sessions, with two sessions per week. The rate is \$74.97 per two-hour session.

(3) How will students sign up for sessions?

- i. The organization uses a Discord server containing a spreadsheet with 12 slots for each practice.

Members place their names on the spreadsheet to reserve a spot.

d) Discussion:

- (1) The board noted that the rental rate is the same for both locations but that the Pearl Street facility is smaller, while the larger facility can accommodate more participants.

e) Move to approve Trampoline Club for their total requested amount of \$2998.90 | Ghlyah

(1) 2nd | Grace

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G. 7:00 PM: CU Slackline Club

1. Funding Request Title: Operations - Slackline Equipment, Promotional Items, Food, Space Rental - Fall 2026

a) Requesting \$950

(1) Parts/Materials/Supplies - \$561

(2) Branded/Promotional Items - \$78

(3) Food - \$281

(4) Space Rental - \$30

b) Presentation Notes:

- (1) CU Slackline Club requested funding for its fall semester operations. The organization focuses on slacklining, which involves walking on a line suspended between two trees. The organization typically has between 25-50 students

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attend meetings. Requested supplies include webbing, hardware, a trickline, and a screen-printing kit. The organization also plans to make T-shirts and order stickers. The organization plans to provide Costco pizza at meetings. It also requested funding related to the waivers CU requires members to sign.

c) Q&A:

- (1) What is the advantage of purchasing a printer instead of ordering shirts?
 - i. Ordering shirts online is significantly more expensive than purchasing a shirt printer.
- (2) Does the organization have a plan for storing the supplies?
 - i. The organization has a storage locker at the UMC.
- (3) Will the supplies be passed down between executive boards?
 - i. Yes. The organization stated that the equipment is durable and provided the example that one of its members still uses a slackline from childhood.

d) Discussion:

- (1) A board member stated that the request provides an opportunity for the club to grow and that having a storage plan and durable supplies made the request reasonable.
- (2) Another board member noted that the T-shirt component aligns with SOAC's sustainability focus.

e) Move to approve CU Slackline Club for their total requested amount of \$950 | Ghlyah

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1. Funding Request Title: Operational - Seating, promotional items, registration fee - Fall 2026

a) Requesting \$1340.75

(1) Branded/Promotional Items - \$348.75

(2) Parts/Materials/Supplies - \$592

(3) Registration - \$400

b) Presentation Notes:

(1) CU Zen Collective is a student organization open to everyone that provides a space for meditation. The organization's advisor, who is a Zen student, leads meditation sessions. The organization requested funding for registration fees associated with one-day retreats at a local Zen center. The organization plans to provide scholarships to students who want to attend the retreats and deepen their meditation practice. The organization also requested funding for meditation cushions because it does not currently have enough cushions for the number of students attending its meetings. Attendance at meditation meetings has grown to more than 50 people. The organization also requested funding for stickers to increase awareness of the club.

c) Q&A:

(1) How will the organization select students who receive scholarships for the Zen center retreat?

- i. The organization plans to use a first-come, first-served process through a Google Form distributed through GroupMe. The organization stated that it will try to support as many students as possible.

(2) Why did the organization select the specific cushions requested?

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- i. The faculty advisor recommended MonasteryStore.com because the cushions are considered good quality.

(3) How many people are expected to be interested in the retreats?

- i. Typically, approximately 5-6 people.

d) Discussion:

- (1) A board member stated that, based on the cost, they could not justify spending approximately \$50-\$80 per cushion and personally would not want to fund that amount.
- (2) Another board member agreed regarding the cushion expense and noted that the organization appeared to be considering past retreat participation when determining how much funding to request.
- (3) The board also noted that the organization does not yet know how many members will attend the retreats.
- (4) A board member suggested funding only the first retreat and considering additional retreat funding during the spring.
- (5) The board discussed potentially limiting funding to \$60 per cushion.
- (6) The board also discussed subtracting \$160 associated with the second registration.
- (7) Members also questioned the cost of the requested stickers. It was noted that stickers generally cost approximately \$1.00-\$1.50 each and that the organization appeared to be requesting 250 stickers while the budget reflected only 125 stickers.
- (8) A board member also expressed concern about the use of the term "scholarship."

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- e) Move to table indefinitely CU Zen Collective for their total requested amount of \$1340.75 | Tejas

- (1) 2nd | Grace

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I. 7:30 PM: Women and Gender Minorities in Chemistry

1. *Funding Request Title: Bowling with ChemGems Fall 2026*

- a) Requesting \$300

- (1) Space Rental - \$50

- (2) Food - \$750

- b) Presentation Notes:

- (1) Women and Gender Minorities in Chemistry is an organization focused on women and gender minorities, particularly graduate students in the chemistry department, although the organization is open to anyone. Its primary mission is to provide professional development and training to its community. The requested funding would support a bowling event designed to build community and provide social interaction for students who spend significant time working independently in laboratory settings. The funding would be used for catering through CU Boulder Events Planning and Catering. The event is also open to the broader public, with advertising directed toward students and the larger community.

- c) Q&A:

- (1) How many active members does the organization have?

- i. The organization has approximately 45 active members and typically sees 25-35 members at events.

- (2) How will the event benefit the organization?

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- i. The organization stated that the event will help generate interest in the organization and build a stronger sense of community.

d) Discussion:

- (1) A board member stated that funding the request appeared likely to help the organization advance its goals, particularly by generating interest and participation.
- (2) Another board member stated that the event would help the organization grow its community and membership.
- (3) A third board member noted that the event could also serve as a networking opportunity and help build connections among members.

- e) Move to approve Women and Gender Minorities in Chemistry for their total requested amount of \$300 | Tejas

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VI. Old Business

A. none

VII. Officer's Reports

A. Chair

B. Vice Chair

C. Advisor

D. Late roll call

VIII. Adjournment 07:41 PM