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SOAC Agenda and Meeting Minutes

September 14th, 2026, 5:00-8:15 pm

- I. Call to order
 - A. Meeting is called to order at 5:04 PM
- II. Roll call
 - A. Present: Freya, Kathrine, Drew, Grace, Ghlyah, Gabby, Tejas, & Ella
 - B. Absent: N/A
- III. Approval of Agenda
- IV. Food Operational Requests
 - A. Organization: Amuse Creative Writing Club
 - 1. *Funding Request Title: Operations - Club Meeting Food - Fall 2026*
 - a) Requesting \$500 for food
 - b) Liaison Summary:
 - (1) Amuse Creative Writing Club requested funding for snacks during its meetings. The organization meets regularly, generally around dinner time, and has approximately 20 active members. Its bylaws indicate that the organization is open to everyone. The organization advertises through Discord, Buff Connect, and word of mouth.
 - c) Discussion:
 - (1) SOAC agreed that the request appeared reasonable and noted that the organization seemed to be actively working to advertise its meetings.
 - d) Move to approve Amuse Creative Writing Club for their total requested amount of \$500 | Ghlyah
 - (1) 2nd | Ella
 - (2) 8:0:0
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 - B. Organization: Roam Boulder

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*1. Funding Request Title: Operational for Mini Microphone - 2026 - 2027
Academic Year*

- a) Requesting \$29.99 for a mini microphone
- b) Liaison Summary:
 - (1) Roam Boulder requested funding for a mini microphone to use for videos and interviews as part of its advertising efforts and activities. The organization is open to everyone and is the on-campus fashion club. The microphone would be used for on-campus interviews.
- c) Discussion:
 - (1) SOAC stated that the request appeared reasonable.
- d) Move to approve Roam Boulder for their total requested amount of \$29.99 | Ghlyah
 - (1) 2nd | Grace
 - (2) 8:0:0
 - (3) APPROVED**

C. Organization: Buffs in Action

1. Funding Request Title: Operations - food - Fall 2026

- a) Requesting \$500 for food
- b) Liaison Summary:
 - (1) Buffs in Action requested \$500 for food, specifically Costco pizza and candy. The organization has 15 active members, is open to everyone, and primarily promotes through word of mouth. The organization serves developing communities and provides students with critical study-abroad experiences.
- c) Discussion:
 - (1) SOAC stated that they liked the organization's mission, considered the request reasonable, and had no concerns.

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- d) Move to approve Buffs in Action for their total requested amount of \$500 | Drew

- (1) 2nd | Ghlyah

- (2) 8:0:0

- (3) APPROVED**

D. Organization: Fashion Case Club

1. *Funding Request Title: Operations - Meeting Food - Fall 2026*

- a) Requesting \$495.62 for food

- b) Liaison Summary:

- (1) Fashion Case Club requested funding for Panda Express and Costco food for its meetings. The organization has 25 active members. Its goal is to spark interest in fashion and business, and it holds competitions and brings in guest speakers. The organization advertises through weekly emails, tabling, and posters.

- c) Discussion:

- (1) SOAC members agreed that the request appeared to be reasonable. A SOAC board member noted that, considering the organization was new and already had 25 active members, it appeared to have demonstrated strong engagement, particularly within a more niche subject area.

- d) Move to approve Fashion Case Club for their total requested amount of \$495.62 | Drew

- (1) 2nd | Grace

- (2) 8:0:0

- (3) APPROVED**

E. Organization: Leeds Law Group

1. *Funding Request Title: Operations - Leeds Law Group First General Meeting Food - September 16, 2026 - Fall 2026*

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- a) Requesting \$176.74 for food
- b) Liaison Summary:
 - (1) Leeds Law Group requested \$176.74 for food for its Wednesday meeting. Approximately 72 people regularly attend its meetings. The organization requested pizza and focuses on the intersection of law and business. It is open to everyone and advertises through Buff Connect, campus flyers, word of mouth, and various other methods.
- c) Discussion:
 - (1) SOAC members agreed that the request appeared reasonable and that there were no major concerns. A committee member noted that the organization should be informed that this funding was a one-time allocation.
- d) Move to approve Leeds Law Group for their total requested amount of \$176.74 | Ella
 - (1) 2nd | Drew
 - (2) 8:0:0
 - (3) **APPROVED**

F. 5:15 PM: CU in Space

1. *Funding Request Title: Operations - SOAC Build, Development, Launch, Food, Promotional Materials - 2026-2027*

- a) Requesting \$3000
 - (1) Food - \$500
 - (2) Branded/Promotional Items – \$821.92
 - (3) Parts/Materials/Supplies - \$1610.89
 - (4) Printing - \$67.19
- b) Presentation Notes:
 - (1) CU in Space was described as CU Boulder's only competition rocket team. The organization accepts students from all majors, although many of its members are

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aerospace engineering students. It has competed in a variety of competitions, including the NASA University Student Launch Initiative, which was described as one of its most impressive and successful competitions. The organization's goals include competing in additional competitions, increasing awareness of rockets and engineering, flying additional types of rockets, and expanding K-12 STEM outreach. The organization conducts industry visits and talks, helps club members build and launch their own rockets, and hosts a variety of engineering-related seminars. The funding request would support a student-researched and student-developed rocket for a Friends of Amateur Rocketry Oxidizers Uninhibited tournament at the end of May in the Mojave Desert. The organization also wants to expand its K-12 outreach by teaching more classes and getting more students interested in STEM. CU in Space has a variety of teams that allow members to engage in different aspects of rocket development. The organization also requested funding for food to increase engagement during meetings and provide food during rocket tests and launches. Promotional merchandise was requested to increase campus awareness and support team cohesion during tournaments.

c) Questions:

- (1) How has the organization performed in competitions in the past?
 - i. The organization stated that it has performed well overall but is attempting to increase the complexity of its projects this year.
- (2) Does the organization have a location on campus where it stores materials?

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- i. The organization has a locker in the aerospace composite shop.
- (3) How many active members does the organization have?
 - i. The organization has approximately 40 active members, with approximately 20-30 members expected to attend the competition.
- (4) SOAC noted that the food funding cap is \$500 per semester.
- (5) How does the organization advertise?
 - i. The organization advertises through campus tabling, social media, word of mouth, and flyers around campus.
- d) Discussion:
 - (1) SOAC members stated that they strongly support the request, that the requested expenses made sense, and that the organization's growth was clear. No concerns were identified.
 - (2) SOAC members also agreed and stated that it was valuable that this opportunity was available to students. It was especially positive that approximately 20 students would be able to attend the competition and that the organization is open to everyone.
- e) I move to approve CU in Space for their total requested amount of \$3000 | Drew
 - (1) 2nd | Gabby
 - (2) 8:0:0
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G. 5:30 PM: Anthropology Club

1. *Funding Request Title: Operations - Meeting Supplies and Food - Fall 2026*

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a) Requesting \$695

(1) Food - \$500

(2) Parts/Materials/Supplies - \$195

b) Presentation Notes:

(1) Anthropology Club meets weekly to bring together students interested in anthropology and provide opportunities to learn more about the field. The organization hosts pottery nights and brings in professors to discuss anthropology-related topics. The funding request would support food and meeting materials for activity-based meetings.

Anthropology was described as the study of humans, and meetings address the field's various subfields. Activities include pottery and arrowhead-making. The organization also collaborates with the Anthropology Graduate Association.

c) Q&A:

(1) Is there a place to store materials used for flint knapping?

i. The department provides most of the materials, and the Anthropology Department stores them.

(2) How does the organization recruit members?

i. The organization recruits through social media, GroupMe, presentations in freshman anthropology classes, and tabling at the Be Involved Fair.

(3) How many active members does the organization currently have?

i. 12-15 people

(4) SOAC informed the organization that there is a resource center in the CSI office that RSOs may use.

i. The organization stated that it can use the office for paper but would prefer to purchase its own painting supplies.

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d) Discussion:

(1) SOAC members agreed that they liked the request, thought the flint knapping activity was particularly interesting, appreciated that the organization had storage for its materials, and had no concerns.

(2) SOAC members also agreed that the organization provided a valuable networking opportunity because many humanities majors do not have many RSO options available to them.

e) I move to approve Anthropology Club for their total requested amount of \$695 | Grace

(1) 2nd | Ella

(2) 8:0:0

(3) APPROVED

H. 5:45 PM: Biomedical Engineering Graduate Student Organization

1. *Funding Request Title: Event- Connections Event (Networking + Billiards) - Oct 1 2026*

a) Requesting \$117.88

(1) Space Rental - \$18

(2) Food - \$99.88

b) Presentation Notes:

(1) The Biomedical Engineering Graduate Student Organization works to connect biomedical engineers and other engineers with the biomedical industry. The organization also focuses on community building and serves as a conduit between students and the professional world. The organization requested funding for a billiards night at The Connection to create a bonding event and strengthen its community.

c) Q&A:

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

i. 30 CU students

(2) Are all of those members active, or do some only attend occasionally?

i. The organization stated that all 30 regularly attend events.

(3) How does the organization advertise around campus?

i. The organization advertises through flyers on East and Main Campus, Instagram, and GroupMe. All events are open to everyone.

d) Discussion:

(1) SOAC board members said that the request appeared to be a strong funding request and noted that the organization had successfully held similar events in the past.

(2) Board members also agreed and appreciated that the organization clearly stated that its events are open to everyone regardless of student status or major.

e) Move to approve Biomedical Engineering Graduate Student Organization for their total requested amount of \$117.88 | Tejas

(1) 2nd | Ghlyah

(2) 8:0:0

(3) APPROVED

I. 6:00 PM: Warhammer Buffs

1. *Funding Request Title: Warhammer Club Budget Fall 2026*

a) Requesting \$2978.54

(1) Parts/Materials/Supplies - \$2978.54

b) Presentation Notes:

(1) Warhammer Buffs provides a space for students to participate in Warhammer tabletop games. The organization provides mats, terrain, and other materials

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needed to participate in the hobby. The organization explained that the cost of entering the hobby can be a barrier for students, and the funding request is intended to reduce that barrier. The request includes a variety of art supplies, armies, and other materials. The organization also requested resin to print additional miniatures and additional terrain and terrain templates that correspond to updated game rules. All miniatures are made by club members. The organization does not currently have an on-campus location to store its materials.

c) Q&A:

- (1) When miniatures are purchased with SOAC board funding, are they stored with club members?
 - i. The organization stated that all materials remain within the club membership and are passed between executive board members.
- (2) How many active members does the organization have?
 - i. Approximately 20 members. The organization noted that its online community has additional members.

d) Discussion:

- (1) SOAC board members stated that they liked the organization and described it as relaxed. The committee's primary concern was ensuring that purchased materials remain within the club. The committee member also stated that the organization's bylaws appeared appropriate.

e) Move to approve Warhammer Buffs for their total requested amount of \$2978.54 | Gabby

(1) 2nd | Bridget

(2) 7:0:0

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J. 6:15 PM: Marginalized Genders in Gaming

1. *Funding Request Title: Operations - Fall 2026 Semester - Marginalized Genders in Gaming*

a) Requesting \$542

(1) Parts/Materials/Supplies - \$225

(2) Office Supplies - \$317

b) Presentation Notes:

(1) Marginalized Genders in Gaming was described as an organization similar to esports but focused more on creating a safe space. A significant portion of the funding request is for marketing supplies. The organization holds several types of meetings, including virtual game nights and biweekly in-person meetings focused on community building through gaming-themed arts and crafts nights. The organization also occasionally hosts tournament nights in the Alien Gameware Lounge.

c) Q&A:

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

i. Approximately 12-18 people, depending on the type of meeting.

(2) How does the organization advertise and recruit members?

i. The organization stated that its presence at the Press Start event was very successful. It also uses flyers with links to its Discord and wants to obtain additional merchandise featuring its logo.

(3) Does the organization have a picture of its logo?

i. *(shows image by holding phone screen up to the camera)*

d) Discussion:

(1) A SOAC board member stated that they liked the keycap logo and thought the request was strong.

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- (2) Another board member stated that the organization appeared welcoming and that the activities sounded enjoyable, which contributed to the strength of the request.
- e) Move to approve Marginalized Genders in Gaming for their total requested amount of \$542 | Gabby

(1) 2nd | Drew

(2) 8:0:0

(3) APPROVED

K. 6:30 PM: Anthropology Graduate Student Association

1. *Funding Request Title: Event - Brown Bag Events - Fall 2026*

a) Requesting \$300

(1) Food - \$300

b) Presentation Notes:

(1) The Anthropology Graduate Student Association supports graduate students within anthropology and works to create community within the department. The organization also collaborates with the undergraduate Anthropology Club. The requested funding would support Brown Bag events in which graduate students present their research to the department followed by an open Q&A period. The events are held during lunchtime, and food serves as an incentive for attendance. The organization has typically purchased food from Half Fast Subs and Costco.

c) Q&A:

(1) How does the organization advertise its events?

- i. The organization places flyers around the department, including in other museum departments, and advertises on the organization's webpage.

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

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- i. Approximately 45 people regularly attend meetings, with approximately 15 people typically attending these specific events.
- (3) Do attendees suggest additional ideas or provide feedback to presenters?
 - i. The organization stated that faculty members who attend provide useful feedback, which often inspires undergraduate students and demonstrates what is possible in the field.
- d) Discussion:
 - (1) It was stated that presenting research in this type of setting is very valuable and described the request as a strong funding request.
 - (2) It was also stated that the events provided a valuable opportunity to practice presenting and that the organization appeared organized.
 - (3) It was also stated that the request was uncomplicated and that there were no concerns.
- e) Move to approve Anthropology Graduate Student Association for their total requested amount of \$300 | Tejas
 - (1) 2nd | Bridget
 - (2) 8:0:0
 - (3) APPROVED**

L. 6:45 PM: Laser Tag & Pancakes

- 1. *Funding Request Title: Event - Welcome Festival - Fall 2025 -- October 10, 2026*
 - a) Requesting \$4750
 - (1) Space Rental - \$4750
 - b) Presentation Notes:

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(1) Laser Tag & Pancakes takes up to 60 students to Loveland for three hours of laser tag and pancakes at IHOP on the way. The organization is hoping to fund six events during the year and attempts to have all costs covered for students. The organization was described as one of the largest social student organizations. It has tabled at nearly every tabling event. At its first event, it brought 70 students, which is the organization's maximum capacity. Advertising is also conducted through campus tours. The organization's goal is to bring students together and create opportunities for students to meet a variety of people. The organization emphasized that many friendships develop through its events and that it is open to everyone.

c) Q&A:

(1) The organization mentioned a maximum of 70 people. Is attendance first come, first served?

- i. The organization uses a Discord server, and sign-ups are released every Monday at 6:00 PM. The organization stated that interest is highest at the beginning of the year and generally declines as the year continues.

(2) How does the organization count its population?

- i. The organization considers its events to function as its meetings and maintains a running directory. It prioritizes new students while also providing perks to returning members. Approximately 1,500 people are in the Discord server, and approximately 600-800 students engage with the organization throughout the year. Some students also sign up through friends.

(3) What is the earliest date the funding could be available?

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- i. The funding should be available within 3-5 business days.

d) Discussion:

(1) It was noted that the student ambassadors serve as an important form of advertising and stated that it was especially positive that the organization attempts to diversify who is able to attend each event.

(2) It was also stated that it was positive that the organization provides rides.

e) Move to approve Laser Tag & Pancakes for their total requested amount of \$3000 | Grace

(1) 2nd | Ghlyah

(2) 8:0:0

(3) APPROVED

M. 7:00 PM: Ritmos Latinos

1. *Funding Request Title: Operations-Dance Lessons and meeting food-AY 26-27*

a) Requesting \$3000

(1) Contracted Services/Labor - \$2580

(2) Food - \$420

b) Presentation Notes:

(1) Ritmos Latinos is a salsa club on campus. The funding request would support bringing in a salsa instructor for classes and funding an end-of-semester pizza party. The organization works with a Cuban salsa instructor, with the goal of increasing awareness of the culture. Approximately 45 members regularly attend meetings. The organization requested funding to pay its instructor.

c) Q&A:

(1) Is the organization focused on ballroom dance?

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- i. The organization explained that it focuses on Latin dancing, which is a type of social dancing, specifically Cuban-style salsa. The organization compared the style to contra dancing with salsa elements.
- (2) How does the organization recruit new members?
 - i. Recruitment occurs through posters, the Be Involved Fair, word of mouth, and social media.
- (3) What is the most valuable thing members receive from the organization?
 - i. The organization stated that it provides a strong way to make friends and join a welcoming campus community. Members consistently attend and are described as friendly and welcoming.
- (4) Does the organization charge dues?
 - i. The organization is completely free and does not charge dues.
- d) Discussion:
 - (1) It was clarified that the request contains one request with two separate components.
 - (2) It was also stated that they liked the request and appreciated that the organization was changing how it advertises.
- e) Move to approve Ritmos Latinos for their total requested amount of \$3000 | Grace
 - (1) 2nd | Ghlyah
 - (2) 8:0:0
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N. 7:15 PM: Entomology Club

- 1. *Funding Request Title: Operations - Promotional items and meeting food - Fall 2026 - SOAC*

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- a) Requesting \$1000
 - (1) Food - \$500
 - (2) Parts/Materials/Supplies - \$480
 - (3) Printing - \$20
- b) Presentation Notes:
 - (1) Entomology Club focuses on education related to insects and arthropods. The organization hosts speaker meetings, shares fun facts, and conducts field trips where members observe and identify insects. The organization requested food funding to increase motivation and engagement. It has six food-related events. The organization also requested funding for entomology books to help members learn more about insect identification, dining ware to accompany the food, and printing funds for flyers and general advertising.
- c) Q&A:
 - (1) How many active members does the organization have?
 - i. Approximately 20-30 members.
 - (2) Is the organization aware that SOAC does not fund single-use plastics?
 - i. Yes. The organization stated that it had looked into compostable options.
 - (3) Where will the organization store the materials?
 - i. The organization has a locker at the UMC.
- d) Discussion:
 - (1) It was stated that the request was interesting and appreciated the organization's educational focus. The committee member also noted that the field trips sounded engaging.
 - (2) It was also stated that it was positive that the organization was able to generate engagement around a niche subject.

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e) Move to approve Entomology Club for their total requested amount of \$1000 | Tejas

(1) 2nd | Ghlyah

(2) 8:0:0

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O. 7:30 PM: SKY Campus Happiness

1. *Funding Request Title: Event - SKY Happiness Retreat - October 23-25, 2026*

a) Requesting \$2000

(1) Speaker/Performer Fees - \$2000

b) Presentation Notes:

(1) SKY Campus Happiness requested funding for a retreat held on campus in the Koebel Building and open to all students. A nonprofit organization provides a teacher for the event. The three-day training focuses on breathing techniques and evidence surrounding meditation. The retreat also covers basic life skills and mindset frameworks. The organization focuses on meditation and mindfulness awareness.

c) Q&A:

(1) How does the organization advertise the event?

i. The organization uses tabling, posters, other physical advertising, word of mouth, department newsletters, and outreach to professors.

(2) The application indicated a limit of 20 students. What happens if there is more interest?

i. The organization maintains a waitlist, and students on the waitlist receive first priority for the next semester's event.

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

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- i. The organization does not have traditional recurring meetings, but approximately 20-30 students consistently attend its activities.
- d) Discussion:
 - (1) It was stated that the request appeared reasonable and noted that the event was not a traditional retreat.
 - (2) It was also stated that it was positive that students who are unable to attend receive first priority for the next retreat.
- e) Move to approve SKY Campus Happiness for their total requested amount of \$1000 | Ghlyah
 - (1) 2nd | Grace
 - (2) 8:0:0
 - (3) APPROVED**

P. 7:45 PM: Hindu YUVA

1. *Funding Request Title: Ganesh Chaturthi Celebration*

- a) Requesting \$1227.59
 - (1) Food - \$712.36
 - (2) Cultural Performance/Attire & Decoration - \$240.98
 - (3) Cultural Performance/Attire & Decoration - \$274.25
- b) Presentation Notes:
 - (1) Hindu YUVA requested funding for its Ganesh Chaturthi celebration. Ganesh Chaturthi was described as a Hindu festival celebrating the birth of Lord Ganesha and as one of the major celebrations in Hindu culture. The event is intended to foster community and cultural connection. The planned schedule includes a traditional worship ceremony with singing, a collection of cultural activities, idol immersion, and distribution of food. The event is open to everyone, not only Indian students. The organization requested \$1,227.59 to cover food, equipment, supplies,

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and other event expenses. Plans include catering Indian cuisine, purchasing items from an Indian grocery store, and using funding to book a venue for the event.

c) Q&A:

(1) Where does the organization plan to store everything?

i. The organization has a locker at the UMC.

(2) Will the decorations be reused in the future?

i. The organization intends to store the decorations in its locker and reuse them in the future.

(3) How does the organization advertise?

i. The organization uses email, Instagram, and word of mouth within the community.

d) Discussion:

(1) It was stated that the request was strong and appreciated that the organization was celebrating its culture and attempting to reuse materials.

(2) It was also stated that it was important to remind the organization to store materials on campus so they can be reused in the future.

e) Move to suspend the SOAC bylaws regarding the 30-day deadline on event requests | Grace

(1) 2nd | Ella

(2) 8:0:0

(3) Motion passes

f) Move to approve Hindu YUVA for their total requested amount of \$1227.59 | Grace

(1) 2nd | Ella

(2) 8:0:0

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Q. 8:00 PM: Student Academy of Audiology

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1. *Funding Request Title: Travel - Colorado Academy of Audiology
Conference - October 26-27, 2026*

a) Requesting \$275

(1) Lodging - \$275

b) Presentation Notes:

(1) The Student Academy of Audiology is an organization representing the collective voice of students pursuing careers in audiology. The organization hosts educational events and provides mentorship and networking opportunities. The funding request would support sending students to the Colorado Academy of Audiology Convention in Parker, Colorado. The convention focuses on advocacy at the state level and provides networking opportunities for students, as well as opportunities for staff to share advancements in the field. Several CU doctoral students will be presenting at the convention. The organization requested funding for three students.

c) Q&A:

(1) Is the funding request for three students?

i. The organization stated that 15 students would attend overall, but only three require overnight lodging.

(2) Why do the three students need lodging?

i. The other 12 students have family or other connections in the area and therefore do not need hotel rooms.

(3) Would it be possible to use two rooms and have students share?

i. The organization stated that it had requested three rooms to accommodate students who may be stragglers or late additions.

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d) Discussion:

(1) It was stated that the request appeared straightforward and appreciated that the organization was using existing resources by having some students stay with family in the area.

(2) It was also stated that the use of multiple beds was a positive example of forward planning.

e) Move to approve Student Academy of Audiology for their total requested amount of \$275 | Tejas

(1) 2nd | Ghlyah

(2) 8:0:0

(3) **APPROVED**

V. Old Business

A. none

VI. Officer's Reports

A. Chair

B. Vice Chair

C. Advisor

1. Deadline for Summer Travel?

a) I move to make the deadline for summer travel (May-June) March 1st. | Drew

(1) 2nd | Ghlyah

(2) 7:0:0

(3) **Motion Passes**

2. Date for last funding hearing, currently Wed. March 31

a) Discussion:

(1) A lot happens during the month of April, and there are a fair amount of SOAC members graduating Spring 2027.

(2) Date Stands as is -> 5:0:0

D. Late roll call

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1. Bridget came 5 mins late.

VII. Adjournment 8:12 PM