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SOAC Agenda and Meeting Minutes

August 3rd, 2026, 5:00-8:15 pm

- I. Call to order
 - A. Meeting is called to order at 5:08PM
- II. Roll call
 - A. Present: Gabby (stepping in to chair), Freya, Bridget, Ghlyah, Grace, Ella, Drew, Helen (rep at large), Tejas, Angelica, & Ellie
 - B. Absent: Katherine
- III. Approval of Agenda
- IV. Food Operational Requests
 - A. Organization: Theme Park Engineering and Design Club
 1. *Funding Request Title: Operations - Meeting Food - Fall 2026*
 - a) Requesting \$201.37
 - (1) Food - \$184.00
 - (2) Parts/Materials/Supplies - \$17.37
 - b) Liaison Summary:
 - (1) This club is requesting \$201.37. Money is going towards food and materials, and meetings consist of professional development as well as community building. About \$23 of food per meeting, with sources such as Costco and Cosmos.
 - c) Discussion:
 - (1) The request seems good with the exception of their cutlery and plates, and we can give them a stipulation of where we tell them they should get compostable materials.
 - (2) YTR; the stipulation is good.
 - d) Move to approve CU Boulder Theme Park Engineering and Design Club for their total requested amount of \$201.37 | Drew
 - (1) 2nd | Grace
 - (2) 6 : 0
 - (3) **APPROVED**

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B. Organization: Voices of Equity

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

a) Requesting \$500

(1) Food - \$500

i. Catering - \$475

ii. Candy - \$25

b) Liaison Summary:

(1) They are an organization with a regular attendance of 15 members, with weekly meetings. They focus on talking about health care equity, they educate about various health concerns, and they have several community partnerships. They want to get cosmos as their main food options, and they also want to get candy too.

c) Discussion:

(1) Fire, very straightforward simple request.

(2) We should add the stipulation that they should purchase compostable plates and cutlery just referencing our bylaws.

d) Move to approve Voices for Equity for their total requested amount of \$500 | Ella

(1) 2nd

(2) 6 : 0

(3) APPROVED

V. New Business

A. 5:15 PM: CU Boulder Ice Skating Club

1. *Funding Request Title: Operations - Ice Rink Time and Meeting Food - Fall 2026*

a) Requesting \$905.00

(1) Space Rental - \$605

(2) Food - \$300

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b) Presentation Notes:

(1) Treasurer for ice skating club presented; they are a club on campus that tries to make ice skating more accessible to people. The club meets once a week and reserves time at the ice rink. During the fall semester, people get paired up through mentoring opportunities and they form groups which can help people learn ice skating skills. There is an ice show at the end of each semester, and people can make routines to present in the show. The shows are open to all to attend and perform.

c) Questions:

(1) Could you talk about your funding request?

i. They are requesting money for space to rent the ice rink at the rec at a discounted rate, and they also want to be able to get food to help fuel people at their practices since their practices are in the morning.

(2) Where do you advertise?

i. They have an email list and an Instagram, but for the most part they use word of mouth. They also have an email list as well as a Group Me.

(3) Did you pay for the rental already?

i. They have not paid the rec yet; it's just an invoice.

d) Discussion:

(1) This is a straight forward request, the mentor program is inclusive. The breakdown was also easy to read.

e) I move to approve CU Boulder Ice Skating Club for their total requested amount of \$905 | Ghlyah

(1) 2nd | Drew

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B. 5:30 PM: Taiwanese Student Association

1. *Funding Request Title: Operational- TSA Welcome event - Late August/Early September*

a) Requesting \$438.07

(1) Food - \$323.45

(2) Space Rental - \$64.64

(3) Parts/Materials/Supplies - \$49.98

i. Compostable Plates - \$10.99

ii. Compostable Napkins - \$3.48

iii. Compostable Cups - \$6.34

iv. Compostable Utensils – \$8.22

v. Trash Bags - \$6.48

b) Presentation Notes:

(1)

c) Q&A:

d) Discussion:

e) I move to table Taiwanese Student Association for their total requested amount of \$438.07 indefinitely.

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C. Appeal of the travel deadline for SOAC

1. Subject Matter:

- a) There are few groups wanting to appeal the travel deadline from SOAC. Since groups are getting back into the groove of things there may be some that didn't know about the travel deadline. This was communicated through RSO newsletters and the SOAC website.

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- b) An option can be making a deadline of August 29 for any Sept/October Travel that is within 30 days. Or you can decide that it's too late for September travel and do August 29 as the October travel deadline and decide to not do any further extensions for any of the other timelines since it's on the website.
- c) Another option could be they email the Chair and Vice chair directly and provide reasoning why
- d) A third option could be - extensions for only those who will max out their funding and is the only reason why they go to SOAC.

2. Discussion:

- a) Board members expressed should keep the deadline because flights are expensive.
- b) Leniency should be given to people because this is the first year this deadline was given and people might not be checking their email.
- c) Other board members felt they shouldn't give extensions, and if we do, we might have to give leniency on everything. Also, this might set a hard precedence to keep up to.
- d) YTR to previous thoughts. We should stick to deadlines in the future, but the circumstances of the current situation I think excuse it.
- e) YTR, this is the only exception that we should be making.
- f) We are learning towards no extension for September, but possibly towards an October extension.
- g) Learning towards the deadline of end of august because it gives groups a little more time especially around Move In
- h) The board decided no extensions for September travel due to 30 day minimum timeline.
- i) The board decided for October travel the deadline will be Mon. August 31.

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VI. Old Business

A. Elevation K-pop Dance Crew

1. Organization requested \$1500 for operational costs. The board inquired about reordering of items that were requested last year as well as asked for more reasoning regarding these duplication orders. The board also asked about the number of people in attendance at the end of semester dinner.
2. Discussion:
 - a) Board members understand that things must be replaced, and the concern was that there wasn't specification on why they need certain things replaced, and what things they did buy last year.
 - b) YTR; there are similar concerns to last year. Board members feel like every year they buy costumes, and the plastic stuff feels like it falls under the bylaws section about sustainability.
 - c) The lack of specificity about what is being replaced. Where are they storing everything? Because if they aren't storing things from previous years, there might be concern.
 - d) With the costumes, board members could understand why they need that stuff every year. There is a concern about storage as well as using things well.
 - e) YTR; why are they not spending money, and aren't they supposed to be giving money back?
 - f) Last year, they did use the money in the fall semester on food and registration, and in the fall semester they didn't appear to get the costumes or the decorations. It is verified that they didn't purchase a lot of the things.
 - g) We might ask them to find cheaper alternatives for everything.
 - h) YTR; board members think that it could just be emphasized to the club that they need to take care of things SOAC is giving them money for, and SOAC reserves the right to refuse the request in the future.
 - i) Maybe its worth asking for cheaper alternatives for the attire

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- j) Do they have lockers to store stuff?
 - (1) They do have a locker.
 - k) Some groups might need to spend money to make things culturally accurate, and SOAC didn't supply these purchases in the past.
 - l) It looked like the funding they are requesting has to do with the event registration they are going to. Does this have bearing on how SOAC gives them or approves them these funds? Do they need stuff for their event?
 - (1) This is an operational request, so they aren't just using for one thing. They do use these things multiple times a year.
 - m) Even though the board has had a lot of discussion on this group and the group requesting similar items consecutively this is a unique group, and the board understands the importance of supporting the groups mission.
 - n) The board will keep an eye on the historical purchases in the future as they do not want to fund the same items over and over if they're being misused.
3. I move to approve Elevation K-Pop Dance Crew for total requested amount of \$1500. (with the recommendation that they try to get alternatives that are little more affordable)
- a) 2nd | --
 - b) 7:0

VII. Officer's Reports

- A. Chair
- B. Vice Chair
- C. Advisor

- 1. RSOs are asking about wanting to appeal to the timeline. There is no appeal process for SOAC guidelines as it is part of the SOAC code. However, it is to SOAC's discretion how they want to manage possible extensions if they're open to it. Some potential solutions can be:

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- a) Case by case review
 - b) One final extension date for Sept/Oct travel that abide by a 30-day parameter for all RSOs
 - c) SOAC should consider if they will entertain extensions in the future, but the timeline is up to date on the website and RSOs who meet with CSI Liaisons are informed of the timeline as well
 - d) Other options as provided by the board:
2. The board decided to allow for extension for October Travel. The new deadline for October Travel will be Mon. Aug 31, the board will not hear any September travel.
- a) No more changes to the current timeline will be made in order to remain consistent with all RSOs.
 - b) The July deadlines should be set in the future.

D. Late roll call

VIII. Adjournment 6:02 PM