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SOAC Agenda and Meeting Minutes

July 27th, 2026, 5:00-8:15 pm

- I. Call to order
 - A. Meeting is called to order at 5:18 PM
- II. Roll call
 - A. Present: Katherine, Tejas, Ghlyah, Ella, Drew, Bridget, Grace, & Gabriela
 - B. Absent: N/A
- III. Approval of Agenda
- IV. Food Operational Requests
 - A. Organization: Women and Gender Minorities in Chemistry
 - 1. *Funding Request Title: Operations-Food for Meetings-Fall 2026*
 - a) Requesting \$500 for food
 - b) Liaison Summary:
 - (1) They are asking for cookies and some inclusive food options, and they have about 30 members, and they are trying to grow more and have more retention.
 - c) Discussion:
 - (1) There is no issue, and maybe just encourage them to stay away from single use plastics.
 - d) Move to approve Women and Gender Minorities in Chemistry for their total requested amount of \$500 | Tejas
 - (1) 2nd | Grace
 - (2) 6:0
 - (3) APPROVED**
- V. New Business
 - A. 5:30 PM: CU Women in Computing
 - 1. *Funding Request Title: Travel - Grace Hopper 2026 Celebration - October 27-30, 2026*
 - a) Requesting \$3000

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(1) Registration: - $\$349 * 10 = \3490

b) Presentation Notes:

(1) My name is Jasmitha Gourabathini, and I am the president of Cu women in computing. This is a travel funding request for the grace hopper conference. They just want to help and support any women in computing. There are three different types of meetings, social meetings that build computing (ex: bouquet making event), there are also technical meetings (technical skill building), there are also professional development meetings that are sponsored by companies. This is so important to CU because less than 30% of engineering students are women, and this club wants to empower women who are in computing and increase retention of women in computer science, and computer science historically is a male dominated field. The diversity perspective is super important and everyone should be represented and be in the growth and development process. The conference is in October taking place in Anaheim, California, they are trying to bring 12 people, and said people are being selected via a google form that asks for the engagement interest and skillset and leadership experience. Grace hopper is an empowerment conference that celebrates women in tech, there are recruiters from big and small companies, and the hope is that the club members bring back that excitement and passion back to CU. The thing that they are asking for from SOAC is for registration, \$3000 from soac. Registration is the key part of the conference getting people access to resources, and they are getting airfare and hotels through other cu funding sources and company sources. They are all super excited!

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c) Questions:

- (1) Could you talk more about why that CU WIC getting to go to Grace Hopper would benefit CU?
 - i. The biggest thing in computer science is that the mindset of one person can influence the mind of others, and we are hoping the confidence that the 12 people can help empower more of their peers.
- (2) So you talked about how attendees are selected, is there a diversity of classes in attendees?
 - i. So, we try to have an equal representation of classes. Juniors and seniors, it's super key due to career readiness, but it's also important for freshman and sophomores to go for the longevity of the club.
- (3) So, when you guys do selection, is skill level considered or is passion?
 - i. It is based on passion, like we don't ask any questions about skill, like we do ask like year in school, but we also focus on what they will bring back.
- (4) Have registration fees been paid for yet?
 - i. Early bird registration has been paid but that is through the campos student center; the rest of the registration has not been paid for yet.

d) Discussion:

- (1) I like this request; I think that this gives a great opportunity to network and for jobs and for getting freshman excited about comp sci.
- (2) I also really like this request; cu is starting to become a stem school. It's important to fund these opportunities. This can be impactful and get more women involved.

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(3) I completely agree with what has been said for. It is important that engineering is by all and for all.

(4) One thing that stood out to me is that they are going based on passion, not skill, and that can be good because skills are hard to develop in comp sci.

e) I move to approve CU Women in Computing for their total requested amount of \$3000 | Drew

(1) 2nd | Grace

(2) 6:0

(3) APPROVED

B. 5:45 PM: oSTEM at CU Boulder

1. *Funding Request Title: Travel - oSTEM National Conference - October 22-25, 2026*

a) Requesting \$3,000

(1) \$825.06 for Registration

(2) \$2,714.94 for Lodging

b) Presentation Notes:

(1) OSTEM's purpose is to uplift LGBTQ identities in stem and do that through community building activities, and they go to the OSTEM national conference every year, and they are requesting funds to travel there.

c) Q&A:

(1) Could you tell us more about the conference?

i. It is a place where students can network with industry leaders and build that network; students also get a chance to present their research. With regards to registration, and that is 5 board members and some additional club members. The funding request is for registration and lodging.

(2) How are the attendees chosen?

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- i. There is an application open right now, and the other funding sources are listed there.
- (3) How is this going to impact you and your group at CU?
 - i. Our goal is to uplift lgbtq students and cu and this is an opportunity to build their confidence and be ready to step into the field and plan their future steps. The information from the conference is shared with everyone.
- (4) Do the board members get to go every year?
 - i. We always take 12 people, and the board members are given an opportunity, and board members can go multiple years in a row.
- d) Discussion:
 - (1) I think this seems great, the only concern is the sophomore being able to attend three times, but at the same time this is a great group to empower in the field of stem.
 - (2) I do like this request, but maybe we could suggest that they try to bring new people over repeat people.
 - (3) Even though it says they are bringing 12 people, SOAC funding is only going to the 7 general members.
- e) I move to approve oSTEM for their total requested amount of \$3000.
 - (1) 2nd | Bridget
 - (2) 6:0
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C. 6:00 PM: Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers

1. *Funding Request Title: Travel-SHPE National Convention-October 27-31, 2026*

- a) Requesting \$3000

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(1) \$3000 for Airfare

b) Presentation Notes:

(1) The Society of Hispanic professional engineers is a student society focused on empowering students from middle school to college to participate and feel confident in the engineers through volunteering and a variety of other activities.

c) Q&A:

(1) Could you tell us more about the travel and why are you requesting the funding?

i. The national society for Hispanic professional engineers does a conference every year where companies high school and college chapters all come together and they host career fairs, professional development workshops, and it is a great networking event.

(2) Could you explain how attendees are chosen?

i. Students submit their resume and some free responses questions, and we look at their involvement; they must have attended three meeting minimum, and they are asked how this would benefit them if they went.

(3) How do you advertise to students to join your organizations, and how do you advertise this opportunity specifically?

i. We work with middle schoolers and high schoolers, and then within CU we advertise at the engineering launch as well as the be involved fair as well as usual social media channels. We also send out emails and a newsletter and a Group-Me for the conference and there are biweekly meetings.

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(4) How does this benefit CU as a whole?

- i. This opportunity would help students gain professional experience and networking opportunities, and the contacts gained at this conference have come back to CU and come to talk to general members as well.

d) Discussion:

(1) This seems like a cool opportunity. Would have appreciated hearing more about meeting specifics as well as how this would benefit CU.

(2) This is a very wide reach opportunity, and bringing 24 people is really cool and so many students are getting to go.

e) Move to approve Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers for their total requested amount of \$3000 | Drew

(1) 2nd |

(2) 6:0

(3) APPROVED

D. 6:15 PM: Society of Asian Scientists & Engineers

1. *Funding Request Title: Travel - SASE National Convention - October 1-3, 2026*

a) Requesting \$3000

(1) Airfare: \$3000

b) Presentation Notes:

(1) SASE's mission is to prepare Asian heritage scientists and engineers for success. They have three types of meetings, celebrate culture, work with industry sponsors, and work with high schoolers. The SASE national convention has over 3000 convention attendees, networking, resume reviews, workshops, and so many amazing companies. A

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lot of job offers and interviews come out of this conference. Conference attendees often become board members for SASE. It's the first weekend of October, and they are trying to bring 20 attendees, you don't have to be an engineering major, and it's hosted in Seattle. Flights are being planned out currently. About 7 people's flights will be covered.

c) Q&A:

(1) I was wondering how you choose who gets to go?

- i. We sent out a form to gain interest, and then we mostly try to get members, and we try to have board members go and act as chaperones, and then we try to. We tend to favor active members and people who are committed to the club. There are several questions that gauge whether they are going to gain what we want them to from this conference. We choose people who are going to make the most out of this opportunity.

(2) How do you advertise your organization and this conference to new students and CUstudents?

- i. We have a public relations team who makes club flyers and an active Instagram. For new members, we are just hoping that they look at Instagram and at our newsletter, and we also advertise this at the be-involved fair.

d) Discussion:

(1) This seems like a really great opportunity, I also like their selection process, and the focus of a fair and equal process.

(2) I want to go to this conference, and I like the attendance to job rate, and the detailedness of the applications is very nice.

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(3) The board members can go on these trips, so it seems unfair that board members technically get to go multiple times, so we could give them a suggestion that we gave the other org.

(4) I do agree with this suggestion, but there's a question of what it means for board members to be chaperones?

i. Not a huge concern, but the board members here is a separate thing.

e) Move to approve Society of Asian Scientists & Engineers for their total requested amount of \$3000 | Drew

(1) 2nd | Grace

(2) 6:0

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E. 6:30 PM: American Society of Landscape Architects

1. *Funding Request Title: Travel - ASLA conference - September 15-18, 2026*

a) Requesting \$3000

(1) \$3000 for Lodging for 12 people

b) Presentation Notes:

(1) My name is Ella, Raquel, and Willow, and we are board members of the American Society of Landscape Architects. The purpose is the advancement of knowledge and education related to the landscape architecture profession. This year the conference is the middle of September, the conference will have education sessions, workshops, field sessions, and suppliers and manufacturers. There are a lot of networking opportunities, as well as mentorship opportunities, as well as a lot of firms to meet with as well. This is beneficial to ENVD and CU because they hold an event where attendees share with CU students about their experience.

c) Q&A:

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- (1) How do you advertise the event after the fact?
 - i. We advertise to the ENVD students, and we also use a social media page that everyone has access to.
- (2) How do you decide who goes?
 - i. We prioritize seniors, so we want to give students who haven't had a chance or who it's their last chance, as well as club participation is factored in as well.
- (3) How does this club benefit the CU community?
 - i. We have been doing landscape architecture interventions across campus like a partnership with the farm and garden club.
- (4) The advisor is covered, right?
 - i. The advisors are paid for already through other sources.

d) Discussion:

- (1) Really cool opportunity and the fact that they share at a meeting about this opportunity with other students is cool. Also, there is a general focus on more sustainability on campus, and this aligns with this.
- (2) Love the collaboration with other clubs on campus as well as partnerships with other schools across Colorado.
- (3) YTR

e) Move to approve American Society of Landscape Architects for their total requested amount of \$3000 | Tejas

- (1) 2nd | Ella
- (2) 6:0

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F. 6:45 PM: CU Fly Fishing Club

1. *Funding Request Title: Almont Trip - October 2-4, 2026*

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a) Requesting \$3000

- (1) \$3000 for cabins for 34 guests to stay at Three Rivers Resort for 2 nights

b) Presentation Notes:

- (1) CU Fly Fishing Club does an annual fishing trip, and they are requesting funding for lodging. They value community, conservation, and catching fish. They take 45 plus members, and it's about a 4-hour drive away, and there is a carpool system. There is no skill level requirement, and members also get access to guides, as well as rental equipment. This trip has been happening for 10 plus years before we become an RSO.

c) Q&A:

- (1) I was wondering how you pick who goes
 - i. We use Buff Connect, and starting the first week of class, everyone knows about the trip, there is an open sign up on a specific day. It fills up quick and there is a waitlist, and it's a first come first serve basis.
- (2) How do you advertise to people outside the club?
 - i. We will be at the Be Involved Fair, and we have 600 members, and we gain about 100 at the be involved fair, and we have a lot of collaborations with other clubs. And we also do a lot of social activities among members. We also have relationships with businesses in the boulder area. We do target beginners on the day trips to get to learn fly fishing and it's a hobby that is lifelong
- (3) There hasn't been a payment made yet, right?
 - i. No payment yet, and the lodge gives the invoice and then waits to get payment.

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(4) Is this travel or is a retreat?

i. The money is specifically for lodging.

(5) Question from board members: Why has there been a drop in funding?

i. Soac has struggled with budget and what cusp provides us. This is out of our control.

d) Discussion:

(1) This sounds like a retreat, and we don't fund retreats anymore.

(2) YTR to Grace, I agree this is a fun trip, and we aren't funding these things anymore.

(3) Going off of Grace and Ella, but it's just one day worth fishing.

(4) I don't see a broader benefit to cu community.

(5) We have funded this kind of thing in the past; there is a difference between a retreat and the mission of their group.

(6) They are focusing on skill building and this is a community building activity.

(7) Considering that they have been doing this long, and its a low impact easier sport, and this is a good way to build that community and build connections across campus.

(8) Maybe we have gotten caught up on the flyfishing aspect, but they can't just fly fish in kitt pond, this is great activity.

(9) They do have a lot of people who go on this trip, so they are bringing a fair amount of people.

e) Move to approve CU Fly Fishing Club for their total requested amount of \$3000 | Ghlyah

(1) 2nd | Bridget

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G. 7:00 PM: CU Quants

1. *Funding Request Title: Operations - Promotional, Supplies, Advertising, Food, Printing - Fall 2026*

a) Requesting \$2183.93

(1) Branded/Promotional \$1294.04

- i. \$172.85 Retractable Banner
- ii. \$80.08 for Thank you Cards
- iii. \$136.98 for Color Pens
- iv. \$904.13 for Shirts

(2) Advertising \$149.56

- i. \$149.56 for Canva Pro Annual Subscription

(3) Food \$476.60

(4) Parts & Materials \$218.73

- i. Bicycle cards \$23.20
- ii. Mint green cards \$64.00
- iii. Dry erase markers \$11.19
- iv. A pop-up canopy tent \$120.34

(5) Printing \$45.00

b) Presentation Notes:

(1) CU Quants is the quantitative finance group here at CU.

They hold meetings and bring in members and discussion groups as well as product development and work groups.

The banner is good for advertising, and the banner is good for members to find our room and find our meeting space as well as at fairs. The thank you cards go to all the speakers, advisers, and the companies that come in. The pens and the t-shirts are a great way to build pride in our club and give members keepsakes, also these will be a really great thing to give students at the be involved fair.

They expect all of this to last them at least three-five years; they are one-time purchases. The Canva pro is not only for

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advertising, but also for their meeting slides and for speaker advertisement as well as just a versatile operations suite.

The rest of the materials are for a variety of purposes including games for meetings, as well as more accessibility and comfort at big events.

c) Q&A:

(1) Where are you planning on storing all the items?

- i. We have two lockers at the Leeds School of Business, and we are in the process of trying to get office space.

(2) For the Canva subscription, is it under the member or club email?

- i. It will be under the club's email.

d) Discussion:

(1) There is a detailed plan for how the money will be spent; the one concern is the storage.

(2) I really like the ideas, and the two lockers will get most of the things stored.

(3) Is there a way that this should be worded, the concern of the storage?

- i. Phrase it -> we reserve the right to not fund this again if this breaks because it wasn't stored properly

e) Move to approve CU Quants for their total requested amount of \$2183.93 | Drew

(1) 2nd | Grace

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H. 7:15 PM: Ladies Golf Club

1. *Funding Request Title: Operational - Semester Budget - Fall 2026*

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a) Requesting \$1501.00

(1) Food \$315.00

- i. \$90 for Pizza from Cosmos
- ii. \$65 for Pizza from Cosmos
- iii. \$30 for Assorted Candy
- iv. \$50 for Assorted Snacks
- v. \$80 for Assorted Snacks

(2) Space Rental \$1186.00

- i. \$420 for Range Balls
- ii. \$646 for 9-Hole Golf Round
- iii. \$120 for Rental Clubs

b) Presentation Notes:

- (1) The goal of the club is to give an affordable space for girls both advanced and newbies to develop their golf skills. This also gives a lot of great skills. We also don't exclude anyone, men have joined. We are asking for funding for hitting golf balls at the driving range, and to give equipment to those who don't have it.

c) Q&A:

- (1) How do you reach out to students to market the club?
- i. We are at the be involved fair, and we also have our exec team members table at the UMC, and we also reach out to students via Instagram. We also market with sororities and other RSO's and flyers too.
- (2) How many people are in your club or how many people tend to attend the event?
- i. It's very variable; our meetups are usually on weekday evenings. Sometimes when the weather is nice, there are like 20 people, but on days when the interest is low, then there are 10 people. But we have a total club membership of 50 people.

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d) Discussion:

(1) Sounds like a good club, and it isn't too high pressure.

(2) YTR

(3) Cool that they are using funding to make the activities more accessible for all.

e) Move to approve Ladies Golf Club for their total requested amount of \$1501.00 | Ghlyah

(1) 2nd | Grace

(2) 6:0

(3) APPROVED

I. 7:30 PM: CU Car Club

1. *Funding Request Title: Operations - CU Car Club standard meets - Fall 2026*

a) Requesting \$1200

(1) \$12000 for Parking (6 meets at \$200 a meet)

b) Presentation Notes:

(1) CU Car Club is a community for people who are car people and love showing off their cars. Their funding request is \$1200.

c) Q&A:

(1) Could you expand more?

i. The funding will go directly to CU parking services and CUPD to be able to use more of the lots. The rate is \$200 per event.

ii. We host more than 100-200 students per meet, but we have also had more than 400.

(2) What does a typical car meet look like?

i. We typically do a meet up in the parking garage, and we encourage people to bring their vehicles, and it's all first come first serve for parking, and we

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all just get together to ask about our cars and talk a lot about cars.

(3) How do you advertise your club?

- i. Most of our advertising is through our Instagram, and we currently have more than 9,000 followers. There are specific story and posts to advertise and show off meeting info. We also have newsletters as well. We also have a consistent open click rate.

(4) How does this club benefit the community of cu?

- i. I was not a car girl growing up and I didn't really have interest in cars before I came to cu, and this club helped me find a community and find that consistent place to come to and vibe with.
- ii. This is a great social community.

d) Discussion:

- (1) This is a great opportunity, and this is responsible, and they also have liability waivers
- (2) Would have appreciated hearing more about how they invite people who don't own cars.
- (3) You don't necessarily have to own a souped-up car to participate in the meets.
- (4) YTR to SOAC general member
- (5) You can come with curiosity and an open mind and learn stuff from others.

e) Move to approve CU Car Club for their total requested amount of \$1200.00 | Grace

- (1) 2nd | Ella & Drew
- (2) 6:0

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J. 7:45 PM: Elevation K-pop Dance Crew **TABLED**

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

a) Requesting for Operations \$1500

(1) Registration \$80

(2) Food \$495

i. Domino's Pizza \$111.31

ii. Snacks from Sprouts \$126.07

iii. Sit-down Restaurant Dinner \$200.21

iv. Drinks from Target \$29.96

(3) Cultural/Performance Attire and Decoration - \$220.22

(4) Parts/Materials/Supplies - \$405.78

i. Phone Ring: \$19.95

ii. Tripod: \$69.90

iii. Generator: \$105.99

iv. Speakers: \$199.95

v. Photo card sleeve: \$9.99

(5) Branded Promotional Item - \$299

i. Foldable tent - \$299

b) Presentation Notes:

(1) My name is Kyrie, and I am a board member for Elevation KPOP dance crew. Elevation KPOP Dance crew is a group that does dance covers, competitions, and public workshops. It's mostly focused on the dance part, but we also hold team bonding activities.

c) Q&A:

(1) What are you requesting for?

i. We are requesting operations budget for fall. Our first bit is for a registration fee for a competition we compete in Aurora CO. For food, we use it for a variety of activities and meetings, and we also have

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one sit down restaurant at the end of the year to celebrate as a club. We vote on a restaurant as a club. We also are requesting money for supplies, for filming for our dance covers. We also have props and costumes for our dance competitions. The last thing is branded promotional items, and we kind of have gotten hot at the be involved fair, so we want a tent.

(2) Do you have a plan on where you are going to store these things?

i. We got reapproved for a locker.

(3) How do you market yourself to students?

i. Buff Connect is the primary, we also have shirts in the spring that advertise ourselves, we have a fair amount of branded swag, and we also have the be involved fair every semester.

(4) When it comes to the portable speaker, is there a specific reason why that speaker was selected?

i. We have one newer one from last year and one old one from several years ago, and we picked one that would hold up for a long time and can connect with a variety of phone brands.

d) Discussion:

(1) I was looking through some of their old requests, but I found it interesting that some of the stuff that they asked for, they have asked for in the past, and maybe it's worth asking for some clarification on why they are asking for the same things again

(2) I think this is a good club to fund, and I am little lost on why such an expensive speaker is needed.

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(3) It seems like they use two speakers, so maybe they want to upgrade this speaker this year, but maybe it is worth bringing up the point that if they break these things, we reserve the right to reject them.

e) Move to table Elevation K-Pop Dance Crew for their total requested amount of \$1500 | Bridget

(1) 2nd | Drew

(2) 6:0

(3) Request for clarification about the reordering of items that were requested last year as well as more reasoning

- i. How many people are going to the end of the semester dinner, just due to financial responsibility?
- ii. Why is there a need for a new tent and all the other items you ordered last year? More specifically, why do you need duplicates of stuff?

(4) TABLED

K. 8:00 PM: Alternative Asset Club

1. *Funding Request Title: Operations- Promotional items and food for meetings and be involved fair- Fall 2026*

a) Requesting \$852

(1) Branded/Promotional Items: \$369

i. Table Banner \$85.92

ii. T-Shirts \$282.75 (18.85X15)

(2) Food: \$483

b) Presentation Notes:

(1) My name is Roman and I am a board member of Alternative Asset Club. This is a way for students to come together and learn about ways to get involved in financial assets as a career path. They want a branded table runner for marketing and to draw attention to our table at the Be

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Involved fair. They also want branded t-shirts, this is a great way to market our club, and it also creates an incentive to join the club. The food budget is also for 14 meetings this semester, and this would be an incentive to invite students to meetings and build that community.

c) Q&A:

(1) Can you explain how you plan to advertise this club?

- i. I plan on collaborating with other RSO's throughout the school of business and it's also just word of mouth advertising and social media usage and chalking also works great.

(2) Do you have a plan on where you would store things?

- i. I plan on storing things at home because they are small.
- ii. SOAC - Because of the amount of money and our bylaws, we would request that there is a place on campus where you store these things.
- iii. The faculty advisor has offered her office.

d) Discussion:

(1) I think overall this sounds like a great club that is interesting, and even if you aren't a business student, this is a great opportunity to know about, the one concern is storage.

(2) We can just add the note of reserving the right to not pay for it again if it gets stolen.

e) Move to approve Alternative Asset Club for their total requested amount of \$852 | Drew

(1) 2nd | Grace

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L. 8:15 PM: SCOPE

1. *Funding Request Title: Operations - Printing and volunteer food - Fall 2026*

a) Requesting \$540

(1) Printing \$40 (\$0.20X200)

(2) Food \$500 (3-4 trainings worth of food)

b) Presentation Notes:

(1) My name is Cayle and I am a board member for SCOPE.

SCOPE's goal is to increase interest in science at a pre-high school level and provide opportunities with mentorship for students in schools. They cover chem, bio, microbio, and microscopy. They cover a variety of departments as well as a variety of years in schools. There are cool outreach opportunities, as well as trainings and a reflection and celebration at the end. They get feedback from across the board from teachers, students, and volunteers. They provide food during training days as they are during dinner time, and we also want to be able to advertise better and recruit with printing, and at the volunteer appreciation party there is a lot of food as well.

c) Q&A:

(1) What other fields of science were you thinking of expanding to?

i. We were thinking of expanding into space as well as physics, and we are currently reaching out to faculty members as well as coordinators at other schools.

d) Discussion:

(1) I like SCOPE; their mission is great in educating kids and sparking some inspiration. They do great things for the boulder community.

Key/Legend: **APPROVED** = group is approved | **TABLED** = group is tabled | **DENIED** = group is denied | YTR = yield to redundancy

(2) YTR, they are a great organization and flashbacks to orgs like this when I was in grade school.

e) Move to approve SCOPE for their total requested amount of \$540 |

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(1) 2nd | Drew

(2) 6:0

(3) APPROVED

VI. Old Business

A. Our next meeting is at 5pm next Monday, August 4th.

VII. Officer's Reports

A. Chair

B. Vice Chair

C. Advisor

D. Late roll call

VIII. Adjournment 8:24 PM