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SOAC Agenda and Meeting Minutes

September 9th, 2026, 5:00-8:15 pm

- I. Call to order
 - A. Meeting is called to order at 5:07 PM
- II. Roll call
 - A. Present: Owen, Bridget, Ella, Katherine, Gabby, Drew, Grace, Freya, & Tejas
 - B. Absent: N/A
- III. Approval of Agenda
- IV. Food Operational Requests
 - A. Organization: CU Pre-Pharmacy Society
 1. *Funding Request Title: CUPPS - Operations - Operational Meeting Food - Fall 2026*
 - a) Requesting \$500 for operations
 - b) Liaison Summary:
 - (1) The organization is open to all students and maintains 8 active members. The group hopes food funding will improve member retention.
 - c) Discussion:
 - (1) The board found no issues with the request in relation to SOAC guidelines.
 - d) Move to approve CU Pre-Pharmacy Society for their total requested amount of \$500 | Ella
 - (1) 2nd | Bridget
 - (2) 6:0:1
 - (3) APPROVED**
 - B. Organization: Women's Network
 1. *Funding Request Title: CUPPS - Operations - Operational Meeting Food - Fall 2026*
 - a) Requesting \$530.50 for food & supplies

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b) Liaison Summary:

- (1) The club hosts bi-weekly meetings for 30 active members and advertises via GroupMe, Instagram, and campus chalking. Planned purchases include Panera, Cosmo's, Insomnia Cookies, and mocktail supplies from Walmart.

c) Discussion:

- (1) The board agreed the request was simple, though a note should be added advising against single-use plastics.

d) Move to approve Women's Network for their total requested amount of \$530.30 | Grace

(1) 2nd | Gabby

(2) 7:0:0

(3) APPROVED

C. Organization: Student Organ Donation Advocates

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

a) Requesting \$500 for food & promotional items

b) Liaison Summary:

- (1) Open to all students, the organization hosts bi-weekly meetings with 15 active members. Advertised as low commitment, the club plans to purchase fast food.

c) Discussion:

- (1) The board noted no SOAC policy concerns and voiced strong support for the organization's mission.

d) Move to approve Student Organ Donation Advocates for their total requested amount of \$500 | Ella

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D. Organization: CU Engineering Activists

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

a) Requesting \$498.96 for food

b) Liaison Summary:

(1) Open to all students, the group has 7 core active members and averages 56 attendees overall. Funding will purchase Cosmo's Pizza for 11 meetings.

c) Discussion:

(1) Clarifications were addressed regarding meeting counts and out-of-pocket expenses. The board held no remaining concerns.

d) Move to approve CU Engineering Activists for their total requested amount of \$498.96 | Drew

(1) 2nd | Gabby

(2) 7:0:0

(3) APPROVED

E. Organization: CU Political Science Club

1. *Funding Request Title: Money for Food for Fall 2026 Meetings*

a) Requesting \$500 for food

b) Liaison Summary:

(1) Open to all students, the group meets monthly with an average of 30 attendees and advertises via Instagram and LinkedIn. The request was lowered from \$650 to \$500 prior to the meeting to match the SOAC food cap.

c) Discussion:

(1) Board members expressed no concerns.

d) Move to approve CU Political Science Club for their total requested amount of \$500 | Ella

(1) 2nd | Bridget

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F. Organization: Alpha Omega - Boulder Campus Ministry

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

- a) Requesting \$500 for food
- b) Liaison Summary:
 - (1) Funding will purchase grocery supplies for student-cooked meals across 10 weekly meetings with variable attendance.
- c) Discussion:
 - (1) SOAC noted student fee guidelines require events to be on campus, whereas cooking occurs off-campus for kitchen access. The board determined cooked groceries are cost-effective and acceptable.
- d) Move to approve Alpha Omega - Boulder Campus Ministry for their total requested amount of \$500 | Tejas
 - (1) 2nd | Drew
 - (2) 7:0:0

(3) APPROVED

G. Organization: Student National Medical Association

1. *Funding Request Title: Operations - suture night food budget*

- a) Requesting \$400 for food
- b) Liaison Summary:
 - (1) Open to all students per their bylaws, the group has 25 regular members for bi-weekly meetings. Funding will provide Chipotle catering for an educational Suture Night event.
- c) Discussion:
 - (1) The board expressed support for the educational aspect and raised no concerns.

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- d) Move to approve Student National Medical Association for their total requested amount of \$400 | Ella

- (1) 2nd | Grace

- (2) 7:0:0

- (3) APPROVED**

H. Organization: Circle K International

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

- a) Requesting \$280 for food

- b) Liaison Summary:

- (1) Open to all students, the organization hosts weekly Wednesday meetings and will use funds for food during longer monthly meetings. They have 15 regular members and market via Slack and GroupMe.

- c) Discussion:

- (1) The board found the budget reasonable and raised no concerns.

- d) Move to approve Circle K International for their total requested amount of \$280 | Tejas

- (1) 2nd | Grace

- (2) 7:0:0

- (3) APPROVED**

V. New Business – Extension Requests

A. Hindu Yuva/Iranian Student/Jewish Student Organizations Discussion

- 1. Discussion:

- a) Jewish Student Organization

- (1) It was noted that the board already changed the October travel deadline date previously, even if this is the organization's first request.

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- (2) Board members expressed sympathy but highlighted that deadline information was posted on the website and shared in monthly RSO newsletters sent through CSI.
- (3) It was clarified that CSI newsletters previously went to org admins, but starting in September, they go to all officers. Board consensus was that communication has been thorough.
- (4) Extensive discourse was held regarding deadlines; despite past exceptions, agreement was reached that organization admins have a responsibility to check emails and stay informed.
- (5) The board emphasized that the group is only missing travel for this instance and can still operate.
- (6) Leniency might apply for requests submitted a day late, but this submission was over a week late. The consensus was that exceptions should not be made.

b) Hindu YUVA/Iranian Student Association

- (1) Board members suggested an exception for cultural events where boards were undergoing transitions, arguing external circumstances worked against them. It was noted that Hindu YUVA seemed unaware of deadlines during a transition period involving changes in program advisors.
- (2) It was brought up that the event is an annual religious holiday. Arguments were made that granting an exception for a unique religious holiday does not mean it becomes regular practice, provided it is communicated that exceptions will not be routinely allowed.

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(3) Board members also said that continuously making exceptions prevents upholding board code. Members argued that bylaws must be enforced equally, and exceptions should not be granted.

2. Decision:

a) I move to deny the Jewish Student Organization their travel funding request deadline extension.

(1) 2nd | Owen

(2) 7:0:0

(3) DENIED

b) I move to exception Hindu YUVA their funding request deadline exception.

(1) 2nd | Gabby

(2) 6:1:0

(3) APPROVED

c) I move to deny Iranian Student Association their funding request deadline exception.

(1) 2nd | Drew

(2) 7:0:0

(3) DENIED

B. 5:30 PM: Sustainable Business Club

1. *Funding Request Title: Travel- Mountain Towns 2030 Conference in Sun Valley Idaho- October 12-15th, 2026*

a) Requesting \$3000

(1) Lodging - \$1700

(2) Mileage - \$700

(3) Registration - \$1350

b) Presentation Notes:

(1) Sustainable Business club is a group that connects students with professionals. They host speaker series (e.g., Apple

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sustainability speaker) and community-building events. They are requesting funding to send 10 students to the Mountain Towns 2030 co-op networking conference. Expenses cover Airbnb lodging, mileage reimbursement, and registration.

c) Questions:

- (1) How do you advertise your club?
 - i. They advertise through social media as well as through the Leeds School of Business, and word of mouth.
- (2) How did you determine which members can attend the conference?
 - i. Through an application prioritizing enthusiasm, past attendance, and first-come-first-served.
- (3) Why are there operational expenses in your request?
 - i. It was a misunderstanding, and acknowledgement was given regarding this hearing is only for the travel funding request.
- (4) How many active members do you have?
 - i. 45 regularly attending members
- (5) How is knowledge from the conference going to be shared with non-attending club members?
 - i. Conference attendees will host passion presentations to share learnings with the broader club.
- (6) How did you choose your air bnb options & are they sufficient for all attendees?
 - i. Airbnb options evaluated to keep all 10 students covered close to the venue, and all options are sufficient for the conference attendees.

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(7) Point of Clarification: VCSL funding is separate and going to another funding board.

d) Discussion:

(1) Questions were raised regarding applicant selection clarity and who created the presentation. SOAC members agreed \$3,000 is significant but offers valuable networking; 10 attendees is a good group size to bring back knowledge and potential future guest speakers. This is also one of the only sustainability groups in Leeds.

e) I move to approve Sustainable Business Club for their total requested amount of \$3000 | Drew

(1) 2nd | Ella

(2) 7:1:0

(3) APPROVED

C. 6:00 PM: Alpha Omega - Boulder Campus Ministry

1. *Funding Request Title: Travel- Fall Campus Retreat - October 9-11, 2026*

a) Requesting \$1200

(1) Registration - \$1200

b) Presentation Notes:

(1) This is Alpha Omega, a Boulder campus ministry, and they are a Christian club here on campus. They work with a local Boulder church, and they are an equal opportunity club. They are requesting retreat funding (\$150 per person) for an annual event in Ponderosa focused on destressing and building long-term relationships. The trip is open to all members; selection based on financial need aid.

c) Q&A:

(1) How are students selected for the retreat?

i. Financial aid considered first, followed by a lottery.

(2) How do you advertise on campus?

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- i. Tabling at the UMC, Be Involved Fair, social media, and GroupMe.
- (3) What are your plans for travel to the retreat and lodging?
 - i. Lodging is provided at retreat center, included in the registration fee. As for travel, students are carpooling.
- (4) How many active members do you have?
 - i. We have between 10-20 members.
- d) Discussion:
 - (1) SOAC members noted the group is not asking for travel costs; registration covers all expenses.
 - (2) Also, this travel request is not a “retreat” in the usual sense. In this case, “retreat” means conference.
- e) I move to approve Alpha Omega - Boulder Campus Ministry for their total requested amount of \$1200 | Tejas
 - (1) 2nd | Ella
 - (2) 7:0:0
 - (3) APPROVED**

D. 6:15 PM: Brazilian Student Association

1. *Funding Request Title: Travel - BRASA SUMMIT 2026 - October 10-11, 2026*

- a) Requesting \$2910
 - (1) Airfare - \$2208
 - (2) Lodging - \$702
- b) Presentation Notes:
 - (1) The organization is part of a global network connecting Brazilian students across 100+ universities. The campus chapter has 40–50 active members. They are requesting flight and Airbnb funds to send 3 executive board members (from a 10-person board) to the annual BRASA Summit for

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networking, building chapter partnerships, and gathering ideas for campus events.

c) Q&A:

(1) How does the club advertise and recruit new members?

- i. They attended the Be Involved Fair, as well as put up posters around campus, social media, WhatsApp, and word of mouth.

(2) How are students selected to attend the conference?

- i. The group prioritizes students who have not previously attended, alongside executive officers requested by the international parent body.

(3) How does this benefit the club?

- i. Past attendance provided members with credit card access programs, internship matching, and international networking.

(4) Would the club bring a non-board member?

- i. Funding limits restrict how many non-board members can attend.

(5) How is this opportunity promoted to your organization's members?

- i. Conference information and marketing materials are distributed to general members via WhatsApp and social media.

(6) How many active members do you have?

- i. 40-50 members attending our events regularly

(7) Do the club's events also operate as general meetings?

- i. The club has social events and community building as a focus, and these events are informal and primarily focus on celebrating Brazilian culture.

d) Discussion:

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- (1) This seems like a good opportunity, but the only concern is that there was a part in the code that funding requests have to be open to all students.
 - (2) SOAC has approved board members to go on trips in the past couple of months similar to this request.
 - (3) On page 12 of SOAC bylaws, it does seem to appear in SOAC funding that board members could not be funded to go to conferences in some cases.
 - (4) It does appear that general members do have access to this information, and there are events that they can host.
 - (5) It does seem that it is beneficial when the executive board members attend because their attendance causes officers to return with contacts and event ideas that benefit the general membership.
- e) Move to approve Brazilian Student Association for their total requested amount of \$2910 | Grace
- (1) 2nd | Bridget
 - (2) 5:1:1
 - (3) APPROVED**

E. 6:45 PM: Chinese and Taiwanese Student Association

1. *Funding Request Title: Operational - Supplies, Marketing, Food*

- a) Requesting \$1028
 - (1) Parts/Materials/Supplies - \$500
 - (2) Food - \$500
 - (3) Printing - \$28
 - (4) Branded/Promotional Items - \$700
- b) Presentation Notes:
 - (1) The Chinese and Taiwanese Student Association presented a funding request to support supplies, food, and other operational needs for the organization. The association

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currently has a full executive board, and its mission is to create a welcoming space for students to engage with Chinese and Taiwanese cultures. The organization aims to provide opportunities for cultural understanding while creating a community where students can connect and share traditions. Their regular meetings incorporate a variety of cultural traditions and activities, and the organization also hosts larger celebrations such as Chinese New Year. They collaborate with other cultural organizations on campus, including the Korean Student Association and Filipino Student Association. The requested food funding would primarily be used to provide snacks and food at meetings. The organization also caters Panda Express approximately once or twice per year. Meetings include a variety of interactive activities, such as Chinese culture-themed Kahoot games with LEGO sets or similar items offered as prizes. The organization is aware of the resources available through the CSI Resource Center but would like to purchase additional board games that are more specifically relevant to Chinese culture. They also requested printing funds to create flyers advertising meetings and promote the organization around campus.

c) Q&A:

(1) Where are you storing stuff?

- i. Most supplies are currently stored at executive board members' apartments.

(2) How does the organization advertise its meetings and events?

- i. The organization primarily advertises through word of mouth and social media.

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

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- i. Based on attendance forms, approximately 50–70 students actively participate.

d) Discussion:

- (1) SOAC members noted that the organization's meetings are highly attended and that the request appeared straightforward and reasonable.
- (2) Members discussed reminding the organization to properly maintain and keep track of any cooking equipment purchased with funding.
- (3) SOAC also clarified that SOAC cannot fund Dixie cups because they are not compostable.

- e) Move to approve Chinese and Taiwanese Student Association for their total requested amount of \$1028 | Grace

(1) 2nd | Ella

(2) 7:0:0

(3) APPROVED

F. 7:00 PM: CU Roundnet Club

1. *Funding Request Title: Operations - Travel - Utah St. Sectional Tournament - Oct. 23-25, 2026*

- a) Requesting \$1200

(1) Lodging - \$1200

- b) Presentation Notes:

- (1) CU Roundnet Club, also described as the campus Spikeball club, presented a request for lodging funding to attend a competitive roundnet tournament at Utah State University. The organization hosts weekly meetings that regularly attract more than 50 members. In addition to its competitive activities, the club provides opportunities for students who want to play roundnet recreationally. The club also shared that it would be hosting a field day on Farrand Field that

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week. The organization plans to bring 16 members to the Utah State competition. They reserved an Airbnb that can accommodate all 16 participants, with the total lodging cost expected to come in below the requested \$1,200. The club has both D1 and D2 competitive teams and plans to bring an additional team representing the more recreational side of the organization.

c) Q&A:

(1) How many active members are in the club?

- i. The organization has approximately 700 Instagram followers and around 1,000 members in its GroupMe. Approximately 50 members regularly attend meetings and activities.

(2) How does the organization determine who is selected for a competition team?

- i. The club holds practices and tryouts to determine who will attend competitions, and all members are encouraged to try out. The organization attended a competition at Montana State last year, but members who attended that competition are not automatically guaranteed a spot on this year's team.

(3) How will attending the tournament benefit members who do not travel to the competition?

- i. The organization explained that building relationships with roundnet clubs at other universities benefits the club as a whole. They hope to use these connections to host sectionals at CU Boulder in the spring. Members attending the tournament can also bring skills, strategies, and knowledge gained through competition back to the broader club community.

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(4) How does the organization advertise?

- i. The club participated in the Be Involved Fair and uses social media extensively. They reported receiving approximately 20,000 views on Instagram and noted that Spikeball's broader popularity also helps attract students.

(5) How does the organization plan to use its remaining funding?

- i. The organization plans to submit another funding request for additional events it hopes to host. The club is also working to increase women's participation and hopes to create merchandise that can be shared with club members.

d) Discussion:

(1) The committee expressed support for the request and noted the potential broader benefit of the organization working to bring a sectional competition to CU Boulder in the following semester.

e) Move to approve CU Roundnet Club for their total requested amount of \$1200 | Ella

(1) 2nd | Grace

(2) 7:0:0

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G. 7:15 PM: Thai Student Association

1. *Funding Request Title: Operations - Weekly meeting - Fall 2026*

a) Requesting \$504.82

(1) Food \$135.11

(2) Parts & Materials \$369.71

b) Presentation Notes:

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(1) The Thai Student Association presented a request for supplies and food to support its weekly meetings during the Fall 2026 semester. The organization's mission centers on helping students interact with and learn more about Thai culture while creating a community where Thai students can feel at home. The organization emphasized that its activities and meetings are open to all students, regardless of their background. The organization regularly incorporates badminton into its meetings and welcomes participants of all skill levels. The association also identified an authentic Thai restaurant on the Hill that could potentially provide food for its activities.

c) Q&A:

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

i. Approximately 15–20 active members.

(2) How does the organization advertise?

i. The organization regularly updates its social media accounts, promotes activities through relevant academic departments, and relies heavily on word-of-mouth advertising.

(3) Which Thai restaurant does the organization plan to use?

i. Chabathai on the Hill

d) Discussion:

(1) SOAC viewed the request favorably and noted that it generally followed the funding code.

(2) Board members discussed potential alternatives for some of the requested materials and emphasized that the organization should be clearly informed that SOAC does not fund single-use plastic items.

e) Move to approve Thai Student Association for their total requested amount of \$504.82 | Grace

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H. 7:30 PM: Thai Student Association

1. *Funding Request Title: Event - Welcome Festival - Fall 2025 -- October 10, 2026*

a) Requesting \$484.09

(1) Food - \$450

(2) Parts/Materials/Supplies - \$34.09

b) Presentation Notes:

(1) The Thai Student Association presented a second funding request for its Welcome Festival on October 10, 2026. The event is intended to welcome Thai students into the campus community while also engaging students interested in Thai culture, including students who may be interested in studying abroad. Approximately 25 people attended the Welcome Festival the previous year. The event includes food, games, and opportunities for attendees to connect with one another in a welcoming and community-oriented environment.

c) Q&A:

d) Discussion:

(1) The board liked the request and described the Welcome Festival as a small, family-style dinner that provides an opportunity for students to connect and build community.

e) Move to approve Thai Student Association for their total requested amount of \$484.09 | Grace

(1) 2nd | Drew

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I. 7:45 PM: Extreme Measures A Cappella

1. *Funding Request Title: Fall - ICCA Audition Fee, Noteflight Subscription
- Fall 2026*

a) Requesting \$725

(1) Registration - \$450

(2) Memberships - \$300

b) Presentation Notes:

(1) Extreme Measures A Cappella presented a funding request for two primary operational costs: an ICCA competition-related fee and a Noteflight subscription. Extreme Measures is an all-gender a cappella group at CU Boulder and is the oldest a cappella group on campus. The organization would like to purchase a lifetime Noteflight account, which would allow members to arrange music for the group to perform. Members take existing songs and rearrange them to fit the group's vocal composition and performance needs. The organization also teaches its members how to use the software, allowing the resource to support both current performances and member skill development. Extreme Measures also hopes to compete again on the International Championship of Collegiate A Cappella (ICCA) stage and represent CU Boulder in collegiate competition.

c) Q&A:

(1) How does the organization determine who attends competitions?

- i. Extreme Measures has a designated competition group and recently held auditions to select its members. The organization is hoping to bring approximately 18 students to the competition.

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- (2) How many active members does the organization have?
 - i. The organization accepted 22 members and expects approximately 18 to participate in the competition group.
- (3) How did the organization perform in previous competitions?
 - i. Extreme Measures reported placing in the top four two years ago.
- (4) What email account will be associated with the Noteflight membership?
 - i. The membership will be connected to the Extreme Measures organizational email and use the same organizational username accessible to the group.
- (5) How does the organization ensure successful account transitions between leadership teams?
 - i. The organization maintains a shared document that contains relevant account and login information so future leadership teams can continue accessing organizational resources.

d) Discussion:

- (1) SOAC determined that the Noteflight membership should be acceptable as long as it remains connected to the Extreme Measures organizational account rather than an individual student's account.
- (2) Overall, SOAC viewed the funding request favorably and did not identify any major concerns.

e) Move to approve Extreme Measures A Cappella for their total requested amount of \$725 | Bridget

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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 8:02 PM