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SOAC Agenda and Meeting Minutes

September 30th, 2026, 5:00-8:15 pm

- I. Call to order
 - A. Meeting is called to order at 5:09 PM
- II. Roll call
 - A. Present: Ella, Gabby, Tejas, Drew, Ghlyah, Kai (Leg Council)
 - B. Absent: N/A
- III. Approval of Agenda
- IV. Food Operational Requests
 - A. Women in Finance
 1. *Food Request: Operations - Food for Meetings - Fall 2026 - SOAC Funding*
 - a) Requesting \$450 for food
 2. Liaison Summary:
 - a) Women in Finance is a business organization on campus. The organization requested food funding to make its meetings more accessible. The request includes Costco pizza for multiple meetings and Chipotle for one meeting. The organization advertises through GroupMe, Instagram, and an email list.
 3. Discussion:
 - a) The board noted that one of the meetings is planned to be catered by Chipotle for approximately 15 people and requested clarification regarding why food was being budgeted for only 15 attendees.
 - b) The organization clarified that the Chipotle portions are large and have historically been sufficient to feed everyone in attendance.
 4. Motion to approve Women in Finance for their total requested amount of \$450 | Drew
 - a) 2nd | Gabby
 - b) 7:0:0

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V. New Business

A. 5:15 PM: Humans versus Zombies at CU Boulder

1. *Funding Request Title: Event- Humans vs Zombies Fall 2026- October 30-31, 2026*

a) Requesting \$700

(1) Speaker Performance Fees - \$600

(2) Parts/Materials/Supplies - \$100

b) Presentation Notes:

(1) Humans Versus Zombies (HVZ) brings the Humans Versus Zombies game to CU Boulder and described the event as one of the largest HVZ events in the country. The requested speaker is an HVZ historian and podcaster, and the funding would cover the speaker's travel-related expenses. The organization is the only HVZ club in Colorado. The requested materials would support the operation of the game.

c) Questions:

(1) What will the speaker cover?

i. The speaker is involved with a podcast about Humans Versus Zombies. The presentation will help promote the club and share information about HVZ.

(2) Is there a specific advertisement for the event?

i. The organization is currently developing its own advertising materials and expects them to be completed in early October.

(3) What does the event look like?

i. The event will run from approximately 7:00 PM to 2:30 AM. The game is similar to an infection-style

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game of tag and uses Nerf blasters. It will be held in the Engineering Center, with expected attendance of approximately 250 people.

(4) Where are the materials stored?

- i. The materials are stored in a storage unit associated with a member's apartment because university policy does not allow blasters to be stored on campus.

d) Discussion:

(1) The event seems successful knowing that it is well attended.

(2) At first there were concerns about the speaker and the amount, but it seems like it is going to be able to provide a good opportunity for attendees.

e) I move to approve Humans versus Zombies at CU Boulder for their total requested amount of \$700 | Gabby

(1) 2nd | Ella

(2) 6:0:0

(3) APPROVED

B. 5:30 PM: Data Science Student Association

1. *Funding Request Title: Event - MS DS field day*

a) Requesting \$982.04

(1) Space Rental - \$425.40

(2) Food - \$555.64

b) Presentation Notes:

(1) The Data Science Student Association hosts events for data science students, including activities such as hackathons and general game events. The organization plans to hold an event on October 15 and requested funding for Costco pizza. The previous event had approximately 72 attendees,

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and the organization expects even higher attendance this year. The requested space will be rented through the Recreation Center.

c) Q&A:

(1) Is the event open to everyone?

i. Yes. The event is open to all students.

(2) How does the organization advertise?

i. The organization advertises through Instagram, professors, and graduate advisors. The event will also be shared with students across several colleges, including the College of Engineering.

d) Discussion:

(1) The board stated that the event would provide a good opportunity for students to socialize.

(2) The board also determined that the request supports the organization's mission and aligns with SOAC Code.

(3) A board member stated that creating opportunities for students in similar academic fields to interact while also inviting new students to participate is a positive use of funding.

e) I move to approve Data Science Student Association for their total requested amount of \$982.04 | Tejas

(1) 2nd | Ghylah

(2) 6:0:0

(3) APPROVED

C. 5:45 PM: Magic: The Gathering Club

1. *Funding Request Title: Event - Reality Fracture Draft - October 17, 2026*

a) Requesting \$800

(1) Parts/Materials/Supplies - \$700

(2) Food - \$100

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b) Presentation Notes:

(1) Magic: The Gathering Club provides a space for students who already play Magic: The Gathering and students who want to learn the game. Magic: The Gathering is a trading card game similar in some respects to Pokémon. The proposed event will use a draft-style format. The organization's president and treasurer were present for the presentation.

c) Q&A:

(1) Is the event a tournament?

- i. Yes. The event will use a tournament-style format, but every participant is guaranteed to play three matches regardless of their previous results.

(2) How does the organization advertise the event?

- i. The organization uses Instagram, posters in the UMC and C4C, Discord, Buff Connect, and email. Its Discord has more than 600 members.

(3) Where will the card decks be purchased?

- i. The cards will be purchased from a store in Denver with which the organization has worked previously.

(4) How are rewards distributed?

- i. Each win earns a card pack. The organization also plans to provide several giveaways depending on the amount of funding remaining and event attendance.

(5) Are the packs included as prizes?

- i. The requested packs include those necessary to operate the event as well as additional packs for prizes.

(6) How long will the event run?

- i. Approximately four hours.

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(7) What happens to the cards after the event?

- i. The organization takes back and reuses the cards.
Winners may keep their decks.

(8) Has the organization held this event before, and what was the estimated attendance?

- i. Yes. The organization has hosted the event previously and had approximately 40 attendees.

d) Discussion:

(1) The board expressed some confusion regarding the amount that would be spent on prizes versus the amount that would be spent on materials needed to run the event.

(2) The board believed that approximately one box of the requested materials, valued at roughly \$140, would be used for prizes and that this amount would fit within the prize matrix.

(3) The board stated that, if approved, the organization would need to be informed that it may not spend more than \$200 on prizes.

(4) The board also clarified that a \$140 line item had specifically been added for prizes based on information provided during the presentation.

e) Move to approve Magic: The Gathering Club for their total requested amount of \$800 | Gabby

(1) 2nd | Ella

(2) 7:0:0

(3) APPROVED

D. 6:00 PM: Colorado Homeless Assistance with Medicine Program

1. *Funding Request Title: Event - Hallows Deco - October 26, 2026*

a) Requesting \$87.15

b) Presentation Notes:

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- (1) The Colorado Homeless Assistance with Medicine Program partners with organizations including Habitat for Humanity, SLICE, and the Colorado Visiting Nurses Association, which provides free clinics in the Boulder area. For the Hallows Deco event, the organization will work with the Colorado Visiting Nurses Association to create decorations such as pumpkins and candy cards. The event is intended to help provide dignity-related needs within the community. The organization emphasized that its work focuses both on helping the broader Boulder community feel included and on supporting its own members.

c) Q&A:

- (1) Where will the Halloween event be held?
 - i. The organization expects the event to take place in Hellems Hall but was still waiting for confirmation.

d) Discussion:

- (1) The board identified no major concerns with the request and determined that it supports the organization's mission.
- (2) The board did note some concern that the event location had not yet been finalized.
- (3) The organization appeared to have a plan in place, and the board noted that Hellems is generally a manageable location for planning and booking events.

e) Move to approve Colorado Homeless Assistance with Medicine Program for their total requested amount of \$87.15 | Tejas

(1) 2nd | Drew

(2) 7:0:0

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E. 6:15 PM: Colorado Homeless Assistance with Medicine Program

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1. *Funding Request Title: Event - Sammies&Smiles - October 24, 2026*
2. *This rec goes under food*

a) Requesting \$360.32

b) Presentation Notes:

(1) Sammies & Smiles is a sandwich-making service event expected to involve more than 20 people. Participants use reusable carts to transport sandwiches and blankets throughout downtown Boulder. The organization is flexible about the event time and the opportunity is open to all students. The organization noted that many students participate because the event provides an opportunity to work toward volunteer-hour goals.

c) Q&A:

(1) Are the water bottles and Capri Sun products reusable or recyclable?

i. The plastic water bottles are reused. The organization stated that reusable water bottles would put the organization over budget. The organization is open to considering juice boxes instead.

(2) How long does the Sammies & Smiles event take?

i. Participants begin packing at 9:00 AM, with approximately two hours dedicated to preparation. They then travel to Boulder Creek to distribute sandwiches and blankets. The event provides approximately five total hours of volunteer service.

(3) Since the funds are not directly being used for CU Boulder students, how do CU Boulder students benefit from the funding?

i. The organization stated that Sammies & Smiles gives CU Boulder students an opportunity to make a

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difference in the Boulder community. Students participate directly in the service activity and learn about food insecurity, which the organization described as an eye-opening experience. The event also helps students become more familiar with resources available to people experiencing homelessness.

d) Discussion:

- (1) The board expressed concern about the use of single-use plastic water bottles.
- (2) The board also understood that the organization was attempting to remain cost-effective and work within its budget.
- (3) The board noted that the request was categorized as parts/materials/supplies, but the listed expenses were primarily food items such as loaves of bread.
- (4) The board determined that the request would count toward the applicable event food cap.
- (5) The board also discussed whether the expenses were sufficiently connected to CU Boulder students, given that the direct recipients of the food and blankets are members of the broader Boulder community.

e) Move to approve Colorado Homeless Assistance with Medicine Program for their total requested amount of \$360.32 |

(1) 2nd | Gabby

(2) 7:0:0

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F. 6:30 PM: Gender & Sexuality Alliance

1. *Funding Request Title: Event - GSA's Drag Show - Oct 18*

a) Requesting \$2968.34

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(1) Branded/Promotional Items - \$945.75

(2) Printing - \$75

(3) Food - \$500

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

b) Presentation Notes:

(1) Gender & Sexuality Alliance is an organization dedicated to empowering the queer community. The organization has hosted its drag show for multiple years, holds weekly meetings, and organizes two major events per semester.

c) Q&A:

(1) How does the organization advertise?

i. The organization advertises through posters, the Pride Center, and word of mouth.

(2) Where are materials stored?

i. The organization has an office where materials can be stored.

(3) What happens when storage begins to overflow?

i. The organization reviews its materials and removes items in a sustainable manner when necessary.

(4) How many people are expected to attend?

i. About 150 to 200

(5) Can the organization explain what it is requesting reimbursement for?

i. In previous years, the organization has been able to use reimbursement funds to partially support attire for student drag performers.

(6) Has the organization already purchased any of the requested items?

i. No. The organization has not yet purchased anything.

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(7) What is the benefit of having professional drag performers at the event?

- i. The performers bring energy to the event and help explain respectful interaction and provide mentorship for students participating in drag.

d) Discussion:

- (1) The board described the event as highly inclusive.
- (2) A board member stated that the fees for individual performers appeared reasonable.
- (3) The board expressed some concern that the photographer's cost appeared high.
- (4) The board also noted that the ballroom rental is expensive but considered the expense understandable for an event of this type.
- (5) The board determined that the event is likely to have strong attendance.

e) Move to approve Gender & Sexuality Alliance for their total requested amount of \$2968.34 | Ella

(1) 2nd | Bridget

(2) 7:0:0

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G. 7:00 PM: Kappa Delta Chi Sorority, Inc.

1. *Funding Request Title: Event - Kreate-A-Bear*

a) Requesting \$2168.45

(1) Parts/Materials/Supplies - \$2168.45

b) Presentation Notes:

c) Q&A:

d) Discussion:

e) Move to table Kappa Delta Chi Sorority, Inc. Indefinitely | Bridget

(1) 2nd | Ella

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H. 7:15 PM: CU Speech and Debate

1. *Funding Request Title: Travel - Weber State Debate Competition - October 24-25th 2026*

a) Requesting \$2,072.82

(1) Lodging - \$1,406.82

(2) Mileage - \$666

b) Presentation Notes:

(1) CU Speech and Debate is open to all CU students and offers a variety of debate styles. The organization stated that it was able to have certain fees waived through its faculty advisor. The organization has 12 total members. The competition will take place in Utah on October 24. The organization requested funding for lodging from Friday through Sunday because the trip involves approximately eight hours of driving. The organization requested three hotel rooms and was able to obtain a special reduced rate.

c) Q&A:

(1) How are attendees selected for the competition?

- i. Participation is open to all members. Executive board members will attend in the role of judges.

(2) How many members will participate?

- i. 12 members

(3) What hotel has the organization selected?

- i. Hilton Garden Inn in Utah.

d) Discussion:

(1) The board appreciated that any member who wants to participate is able to attend.

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- (2) The board also noted that many newer members are being given opportunities to participate, which it viewed positively.
 - (3) The board determined that lodging appeared to be a reasonable expense given the length of the trip.
 - (4) The organization was also recognized for seeking the least expensive options and for already having multiple fees waived.
- e) Move to approve CU Speech and Debate for their total requested amount of \$2072.82 | Ella
- (1) 2nd | Kai
 - (2) 7:0:0
 - (3) APPROVED**

I. 7:30 PM: CU Boulder Slavic Club

1. *Funding Request Title: Operational Rental Funding*

- a) Requesting \$625
- b) Presentation Notes:
 - (1) CU Boulder Slavic Club creates opportunities for students interested in Slavic cultures and languages to meet and interact. The organization provides opportunities to speak Russian, Ukrainian, and other Slavic languages. The organization requested funding for an event at a tea house, which it stated has cultural relevance to the Slavic community. The club contacted the tea house in advance to plan the event and ensure it remained within the available price range. The organization also plans to purchase candy and snacks from a Russian shop for one of its meetings. Additional requested materials include painting supplies from Amazon for a Russian doll painting event.
- c) Q&A:

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(1) How does the tea house event relate to the organization's mission?

- i. The organization stated that the cuisine provided by the tea house has strong connections to Slavic culture.

(2) How many members does the organization have? Is that number based on Buff Connect?

- i. The organization has approximately 63 members according to Buff Connect.

(3) What does a typical meeting look like ?

- i. Meetings may include card games intended to give members opportunities to get to know one another.

(4) Is the event open to all?

- i. Yes

d) Discussion:

(1) The board stated that the event provides a strong opportunity for students to experience Slavic culture.

(2) The board determined that the request fully supports the organization's mission.

e) Move to approve CU Boulder Slavic Club for their total requested amount of \$625 | Bridget

(1) 2nd | Tejas

(2) 7:0:0

(3) APPROVED

J. 7:45 PM: The Diabetes Link at CU

1. *Funding Request Title: Operations - Fall Meetings - Fall 2026*

a) Requesting \$365

(1) Space Rental - \$48.75

(2) Food - \$253.31

(3) Parts/Materials/Supplies - \$62.94

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b) Presentation Notes:

- (1) The Diabetes Link at CU provides a supportive space for organization members and students on campus. The organization meets every other week and wants to provide food and opportunities for students to participate in activities such as trivia. The organization hosts a variety of events that are not all specifically focused on diabetes.

c) Q&A:

- (1) How many total members does the organization have?
 - i. ~10
- (2) How does the organization advertise?
 - i. The organization advertises through the Be Involved Fair, GroupMe, and Instagram.

d) Discussion:

- (1) The board described the request as straightforward.
- (2) The board determined that the request aligns with the organization's mission of building community.
- (3) The board also noted that the funding would allow members to participate in fun activities together.

e) Move to approve The Diabetes Link at CU for their total requested amount of \$365 | Bridget

(1) 2nd | Ghylah

(2) 7:0:0

(3) APPROVED

VI. Old Business

A. 6:45 PM: CU Boulder Theme Park Engineering and Design Club

1. *Funding Request Title: Operations - Promotional items and workshop/event materials - Fall 2026 - SOAC Funding*

a) Requesting \$557.28

- (1) Parts/Materials/Supplies - \$282.28

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(2) Branded/Promotional Items - \$255

(3) Printing - \$20

2. Liaison Response:

- a) We were unaware that the RHA would be offering funding for materials to be used solely within the club setting, having no impact on the actual haunted house. If the RHA has said that this would be a part of their haunted house materials, then we will fund it through them. Nothing else included in our budget is for or related to the haunted house, or related to any RHA events that they would otherwise dedicate funding to.
- b) The Fake Mini Hippo Statue is a prop to be used in the theming of the murder mystery club event we will be hosting for our members. This is an event for our members to get together and have a fun evening of theming and acting to build a stronger community and to showcase more of the themed entertainment industry outside of theme parks, as we want to cultivate interest in the industry as a whole which also includes escape rooms, Broadway shows, and television/production. Having themed props such as the statue and Egyptian Dig set help to immerse our members in the event, one of the goals of professionals that work in themed entertainment. Events like this in the past have been what retains and encourages involvement in club activities.

3. Discussion:

- a) This funding request seems to push their mission forward even if they are getting funds from someone else.

4. Move to approve CU Boulder Theme Park Engineering and Design Club for their total requested amount of \$557.28 | Drew

a) 2nd | Bridget

b) 7:0:0

c) APPROVED

B. Pokemon TCG

1. Liaison Response:

- a) The organization provided more explanation on specific line items relating to the prize/gifts/awards budget line.

2. Discussion:

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- a) The board was able to resolve disagreements about the organization's matching with the prize matrix
- 3. Move to approve Pokemon TCG for their total requested amount of \$1200
 - | Gabby
 - a) 2nd | Ella
 - b) 6:0:0
 - c) APPROVED**

VII. Officer's Reports

- A. Chair
- B. Vice Chair
- C. Advisor
- D. Late roll call

VIII. Adjournment 07:44 PM