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Meeting notes:

- **Lumberjacks Thrive Program:** Eva Johnson, Assistant Director in the [Office of Alumni Engagement](#)
 - **Lumberjacks Thrive Externship:** Eva discussed the externship, which pairs students with successful alumni for a semester-long mentorship and on-site job shadowing experience, providing insights into various industries and real-world work environments.
 - **Professional Development:** The program includes monthly meetings for the student cohort, offering professional development opportunities, career workshops, and courses in Udemy to enhance their career readiness and skills.
 - **Community Building Grants:** Lumberjacks Thrive also offers community building grants to student clubs and organizations for projects or events, prioritizing those involving alumni engagement.
 - **Networking Mixers:** The initiative hosts career mixers for students and alumni to practice networking, fostering relationships and providing a platform for career exploration and connections.
 - **Support for Study Abroad:** The program supports grants for student participation in year-long study abroad programs, offering stipends to enhance their international educational experiences.
- **Facility Services Overview:** Stephanie Bauer, Assistant Vice President for [Facility Services](#)
 - **Facility Services Mission:** Stephanie outlined the mission of Facility Services to continuously improve and sustainably manage the campus, ensuring a well-maintained environment for all campus activities.
 - **Staffing and Budget Trends:** Stephanie highlighted the trends in staffing and budget, noting a recent rebound in staff numbers and emphasizing the department's commitment to efficiently stewarding the university's physical resources.
- **Emergency Preparedness:** Missy Freshhour, NAU Chief of [Police](#), and Robert Church, Director of [Emergency Management](#)
 - **Emergency Contact Methods:** Missy Freshhour and Robert Church discussed various methods to contact emergency services, including calling 911, texting 911, and using blue phones and elevator phones on campus.

- **NAU Safe App:** The NAU Safe app was presented as a crucial tool for receiving instant emergency notifications and accessing valuable safety information, including maps of blue light phones and AED locations.
- **Warm Clothing and Food Drive:** Melinda, Chair for the [Staff Advisory Council's](#) Service, Service and Volunteer Engagement committee
 - **Details:** announced the ongoing warm clothing and food drive, encouraging donations and participation in the high altitude service project to support students and the community in need.
- **Staff and Faculty D&D Club:** An announcement was made about the upcoming meeting of the staff and faculty D&D club, inviting interested parties to join and RSVP through True Blue Connect.