

Staff Advisory Council (SAC) Meeting Minutes

Date: August 21, 2025

Time: 4:01 PM

Location: Cline Library & Statewide (North Valley, Tucson, Yuma)

Facilitator: River Ashleigh Olsen-Davis, SAC President

Recorder: Stephanie LHommedieu (transcription)

1. Welcome and Opening Remarks

- River Olsen-Davis welcomed attendees to the first SAC meeting of the 2025–2026 academic year.
- Acknowledged statewide participation and expressed excitement for the year ahead.
- Delivered NAU's land acknowledgment.
- Recognized outgoing SAC members from 2024–2025: Katie Hill, Maria Galvez, Beth Cross, Brenna Johnston, Erin Stam, Melinda Marquardt, Kiara Lewis.

2. Executive Committee Introductions

- President: River Olsen-Davis (Graduate Admissions)
- Vice President: Stephanie LHommedieu (College of Arts and Letters, Auditoria Department)
- Treasurer: Ken Olsen (Fleet Manager)
- Communications Liaison: Danielle Contreras (North Valley Campus)
- Scribe: Tanner Dawn Maher (University Advising, not present)
- Classified Staff Rep: Carsen Jones (ITS)
- Service Professional Rep: Michelle Cook (Center for Community Health and Engaged Research)
- Past President: Sarah Negovan (Admissions, non-voting member)

3. Presentation: Acts of Service – Erin Kruse

- Highlighted top 10 staff contributors to community engagement.
- Shared platform statistics: 1,815 accounts created, 500+ volunteers, 2,500+ hours served, \$80,000+ economic impact.

- Goals for 2025–2026: Increase on-campus volunteer opportunities, expand youth engagement, launch Student Service Ambassadors program, micro-grants, AmeriCorps recruitment.

- Upcoming Events: 9/11 Flag Memorial Field, High Altitude Service Project on Family Weekend (Sept 19)

4. SAC Internal Committees Overview

Committee leads introduced their groups and invited participation from all staff.

Service & Volunteer Engagement: Co-Chairs: Mariah Castillo & Rolanda Jumbo. Projects: High Altitude Service Project, CASA Toy Drive. Meetings: 2nd Tuesday, 1–3 PM

Community Building: Co-Chairs: Brian Dales & Jill Cocking. Projects: Network NAU, staff concert, community board. Meetings: 1st Thursday, 11–11:45 AM

Staff Mixer & Fundraising: Co-Chairs: Kate Pinckney & Carsen Jones. Projects: Homecoming fundraiser, staff mixers. First meeting: Sept 12

Survey & Feedback: Co-Chairs: Riann Brown & John Cencioso. Projects: Monthly pulse checks, Lumberjack Spirit Recognition. Meetings: 1st Wednesday of each month

Communications & Media Promotions: Chair: Stephanie LHommedieu. Projects: ELF Fund video, SAC website updates, new employee welcome video. Meetings: 1st Thursday, 9–10 AM

5. Announcements

Upcoming Events:

- From Combat to Composition Concert – Sept 11 at Ardrey Auditorium (also livestreamed)
- AI Literacy Course – Available in Canvas for all NAU staff and students

Community Announcements:

- 9/11 Tower Challenge – Hosted by Club 100 at the Dome
- Culture Connection AZ Events: Art Exhibition (Sept 1), Welcome to Flagstaff (Sept 19)

6. Closing

- River Olsen-Davis thanked attendees and encouraged participation in SAC committees and Teams channels.
- Next SAC Meeting: September 18, 2025 at 9:00 AM