

Staff Advisory Council (SAC) Public Meeting Minutes

Date: September 18, 2025

Time: 9am

Location: Cline Library 200 & Statewide Watch Parties

Facilitator: River Olsen Davis

Recorder: Stephanie LHommedieu (transcription)

1. Welcome and Opening Remarks

- River welcomed attendees in person, online, and at statewide locations.
- Acknowledged strong participation in SAC pulse check surveys.
- Delivered NAU land acknowledgement.

2. SAC Book Scholarship – Fall 2025

- Applications open through October 17.
- Scholarship provides up to \$100 for full-time NAU staff enrolled in courses.
- QR code and link shared via Teams and newsletter.

3. Presentation: Elevate Campaign – Amy Phillips, Advancement Foundation

- Overview of NAU's comprehensive fundraising campaign launching publicly November 7.
- Goal: \$300 million (three times the previous \$100M campaign).
- To date: \$195M raised (65%) during the quiet phase.
- Four campaign pillars: Elevate Access, Elevate Academic Excellence, Elevate Faculty Impact, Elevate Campus Experience.
- NAU has over 2,000 philanthropic funds; pillars help organize giving priorities.
- Alumni engagement goal: 8,000+ annually; currently exceeding 10,000.
- Staff encouraged to support through time, talent, treasure, testimony.

4. Presentation: National Preparedness Month – Chief Missy Freshire, NAUPD

- Reviewed emergency resources, reporting, and police services.
- 911 or text-to-911 available on all NAU campuses.
- Blue light phones, elevator emergency buttons connect to NAUPD.
- Non-emergency line: 928-523-3611; Email: askNAUPD@nau.edu.
- NAU Safe App emphasized for push alerts and safety tools.
- Updated 2020 emergency posters available; staff encouraged to replace outdated versions.
- AED and blue phone maps available in NAU Safe App.
- NAUPD offers active assailant (Run-Hide-Fight) and tailored safety trainings.

5. Commencement Volunteer Opportunities – University Events

- Volunteers needed for December 12 ceremonies and May 8–9 ceremonies.
- Two volunteer types: general volunteers (yellow shirts) & marshals (academic regalia).
- QR code provided for sign-up.

6. Community Announcements

- Flagstaff Symphony Orchestra offering NAU staff 15% ticket discount.
- FSO volunteer opportunities available through Acts of Service.
- High Altitude Service Project kickoff September 19; volunteers needed for morning box pickup.

7. Closing Remarks

- Announcements may be emailed to sac@nau.edu for newsletter or Teams posting.
- Next Public SAC Meeting: October 16, 9:00–10:00 AM.