

SAC Public Meeting Minutes – March 19, 2026

Date: March 19, 2026

Time: 9:00 am

Location: Hybrid – In-Person & Teams

Recorder: Automated Transcript

1. Giving Day Presentation

- Kayleigh Boomgaard and Abraham Kelley delivered an in-depth overview of NAU Giving Day, including history of participation, targeted donor tiers, and how messaging will be amplified across colleges.
- Audience responded strongly to donor perks—especially the free parking-pass raffle, specialty merchandise, and exclusive NAU-branded socks, which historically drive engagement.
- Team emphasized the importance of peer-to-peer fundraising via individualized champion links and supplied a toolkit for staff ambassadors.

2. Summer Youth Camps (Continuing Education)

- Eric Deschamps introduced two major middle- and high-school summer programs: Engineering Camps (robotics, semiconductors, civil engineering) and Communication Camps (animation, sports media, photography).
- Camps serve dual purpose: student enrichment and early recruitment pipeline development, modeled after national best-practice career discovery programs.
- Communication camps offer optional overnight stay—providing extended mentorship, lab access, and university-life exposure.

3. CSV Spring Into Service Challenge

- Erin Kruse presented NAU's first-ever Spring Into Service Challenge, aiming for 1,000 logged volunteer hours Apr 1–22 across staff, students, and Flagstaff community partners.
- Acts of Service platform will display rotating leaderboards, highlighting top volunteers and promoting inter-department engagement.
- Event concludes Apr 25 with a large community celebration honoring campus and citywide service contributions, featuring awards, stories, and partner organization recognition.

4. TEDx NAU Initiative

- Tori Rodriguez formally launched NAU's TEDx initiative scheduled for October 2027—requiring multi-year planning and university-wide volunteer mobilization.

- Project involves 8+ subcommittees (curation, coaching, logistics, technical production, sponsorships, volunteer management), each requiring dedicated leadership.
- If you are interested in participating, please reach out to Tori Rodriguez directly.
- Target speakers include regional leaders, national figures, and possibly federal representatives; initial outreach tasks assigned to committee volunteers.

5. CAL Events Showcase

- College of Arts & Letters previewed more than 90 upcoming performances and exhibitions spanning March–May, including opera (Hansel & Gretel), guest piano recitals, symphony collaborations, and traveling art exhibitions.
- Special highlight: Flagstaff Piano Festival (June 20–27), featuring concerts at Snowbowl and Lowell Observatory for immersive music-in-nature experiences.

6. SAC Announcements

- Voting-member recruitment period begins soon; full-time staff encouraged to consider three-year terms.
- Commencement volunteer sign-ups open for May 8–9 ceremonies—SAC historically fills critical ushering and guest-support roles.
- Annual Staff Mixer occurs Apr 15 at Dubois Ballroom + statewide sites; RSVPs essential for catering and raffle coordination. RSVP [HERE](#)