

Assessment Rotation 2013-2017

In January of 2010, the AAP (Administrative Assessment Program) was passed unanimously by the AS Board of Directors, but remained separate from what was then dubbed the “Triennial Assessment Program,” or TAP. As our organization’s assessment practices have evolved, there has been a lack of administrative assessment despite the precedent set by this 2010 Board vote.

The Administrative Assessment Program should then therefore be integrated into the existing AS Assessment Process. The schedule for the second rotation of the AS Assessment Process, including its merge with the AAP, is laid out below. Note that newly-added administrative offices are in bold type.

The dissolution of the AS Drug Information Center and AS Civil Controversy offices in the first two years of Rotation I provided open slots for Personnel and Business to be added to this schedule, and the transfer of the AS Recycle Center to VU Facilities effectively transferred any assessment duties to VU Facilities Director Jim Schuster. Given the prevalence of the AS club system in AS culture over the last several years, it seemed logical to provide the AS Club Office with the same assessment opportunities afforded other offices and programs.

2013-2014	2014-2015
Personnel Office	Business Office
KVIK	Social Issues Resource Center
AS Review	VU Gallery
ASP Pop Music	Outdoor Center Excursions
Outback	Child Development Center
OC Bike Shop	Ethnic Student Center
Publicity Center	Queer Resource Center

2015-2016	2016-2017
ASP Films	OC Equipment Shop
Veterans Outreach Center	Disability Outreach Center
KUGS	ASP Special Events
EDGE	Sexual Awareness Center
Women’s Center	Environmental Center
Underground Coffeehouse	Representation & Engagement Programs
The-Recycle-Center Club Office	Communications & Marketing

The AS Office of Assessment, which is not on this schedule, could be examined for effectiveness by a special Task Force, chaired by the AS Vice President for Business and Operations. This Task Force would ideally be assembled roughly every four years after the office ceases its pilot program phase. The trigger for the assembly of this group would be at the discretion of the Vice President for Business and Operations. The task force could include three AS employees (each from different offices), Kevin Majkut (advisor), the AS Assessment Associate Director (as a non-voting advisor) and the Task Force chair.

Seeing as the Office of Assessment is still in its pilot program stage, however, the 2012-2013 AS Assessment Associate Director and AS VP for Business and Operations should be responsible for development of such a policy during their tenures.

The Board Office is not on this schedule for a few reasons, chief among which is the concern about who holds authority over the elected body. The clerical and managerial dynamics of the office seem to be fluid enough (i.e. the Board Assistant restructure just implemented this month) to alleviate the need for a four-year strategic overview *a la* the SPAC process. Though if the 2012-2013 Board of Directors see fit, the Office of Assessment could revisit the notion of Board Office assessment. Meanwhile, it is the view of the Office of Assessment that the most pressing need for regular rotation seems to be for the offices included in the Rotation II schedule provided above.

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