



“Suspending SPAC for the 2016-2017 Year”

Proposed Motion: *Move to consent for SPAC to be suspended for the 2016-2017 school year*

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Attached Document

AS Assessment Recommendations Document

Background & Context

For the past 3 to 4 years, the quality of the work being done by the Structure and Program Advisory Committee has seriously declined. This is due to a variety of issues facing both the office and the AS at large, as well as how the process has matured. Discussion of the process’s failures and the downward trend began with the previous Assessment Coordinator (the 2014-2015 year), and carried onto the current returning Assessment Coordinator’s purview. There was not a previous opportunity for review and self-assessment of the assessment process because the current assessment coordinator is the only returning assessment coordinator in the short history of the process. Therefore, they were able to devote the end of the previous term of employment and the current summer to the review and revising of the process in continuity, rather than the teaching and learning of the position’s job duties. There is now almost a year of thought in the reasoning behind altering the process. *Emma J. Opsal AS Assessment Coordinator*

Summary of Proposal

We are requesting approval for SPAC to be suspended while a trial form of Assessment is conducted under the supervision of the Assessment Coordinator and the AS Board of Directors. This trial form of assessment and the SPAC model of assessment are attached. This proposal is concurrent with other strategic goals of the Office of Assessment to improve accessibility, functionality, efficiency, and transparency within the assessment process. While SPAC is suspended, the review function of the committee will be performed by the Assessment Coordinator and the AS Management Council.

Fiscal Impacts

There are no fiscal impacts to this resolution.

Rationale

This is a rare occurrence where a returning staff member can give insight into the issues surrounding AS Assessment. Additionally, the assessment coordinator is responsible for “making recommendations to the AS Board of Directors regarding improvements in the AS Assessment Process,” according to the job description. Therefore, it is appropriate for the Assessment Coordinator to be involved and the main person of contact regarding this and other changes to Assessment.