

University Assessment Committee (2025-2026)

The University Assessment Committee (UAC) is established by the Office of the Chief Academic Officer (OCAO) and the Office of Planning and Institutional Effectiveness (OPIE) to support assessment and evaluation processes toward continuous improvement at the University of the District of Columbia (UDC). The UAC has the responsibility to guide, support, and expand upon an evidence-based, decision-making campus culture at UDC. Achievement of this culture is possible through direct engagement with the university's strategic plan, shared faculty and staff ownership of outcomes assessment, meaningful student input, use of assessment results in making institutional decisions (including decisions regarding resource allocation), and strong support from the administration. UAC members, and affiliated units, are listed below.

Name	Title	Unit Represented
1. Rajeev Bansal	Director, Institutional Research, Assessment, and Planning (IRAP)	Office of Planning and Institutional Effectiveness (OPIE)
2. Serena Butler-Johnson	Director, Counseling and Wellness Center	Division of Student Development and Success (DSDS)
3. Debra Cohen	Professor of Law	David A. Clarke School of Law
4. Fatma Elshobokshy	Director, Center for the Advancement of Learning	Center for the Advancement of Learning (CAL)
5. Taylor Furukawa	Program Evaluation and Assessment Specialist	College of Agriculture, Urban Sustainability, and Environmental Sciences
6. Rebecca Graham	Director of Institutional Assessment and Outcomes	OPIE
7. Torri Hayslett	Assessment Director	UDC Community College (UDC-CC)
8. Sandra Jowers-Barber	Director, Division of Humanities and Criminology	UDC-CC
9. Grace Kent	Instructional Designer and Outcomes Assessment Coordinator	CAL
10. Helene Krauthamer	English BA Program and Foreign Languages Coordinator/ Professor	College of Arts and Sciences (CAS)
11. Scott Krawczyk	Senior Associate CAO for Academic Programs	Office of the Chief Academic Officer (OCAO)
12. Raysa Leer-Gray	Deputy Chief Operating Officer	Office of the Chief Operating Officer
13. Beverly Lucas	Director of Continuing and Professional Education	Continuing and Professional Education
14. Bridget (Hubbard) May	Director of Technology, Data, and Innovation	DSDS
15. Catherine Meals	Reference and Assessment Librarian/Assistant Professor	Library
16. Gashaw Mekonnen	Senior Operation Research Analyst, IRAP	OPIE
17. Carmen (Annie) Ramos-Pizarro	Assistant Professor, Speech-Language Pathology	CAS
18. Malva Reid	Director of Graduate Education	OCAO
19. Tyshawna Sales	Accreditation Coordinator, Social and Behavioral Sciences	CAS
20. M. Aloysius Simpson	Director, Organizational Development and Learning	Human Resources
21. Briana Wellman	Associate Dean for Academics/Professor	School of Engineering and Applied Sciences
22. Olivia Zhang	Research Assessment Analyst, IRAP	OPIE

UAC Objectives (2025-2026)

1. Support OCAO and OPIE in reviewing the quality of assessment plans, results, and reports for UDC's units, offices, and programs—and make recommendations for continuous improvement;
2. Assist in carrying out activities and streamlined practices at UDC to operationalize assessment for continuous improvement;
3. Encourage and support unit, office, and program-level assessment processes that are aligned with institution-wide practices;
4. Share assessment results and promote assessment discourse at a range of stakeholder levels;
5. Collaborate on a university-wide assessment project and/or assessment showcase to highlight continuous improvement;
6. Advise campus assessment leaders and UDC administration on policies, plans, procedures, and opportunities/challenges to institution-wide assessment;
7. Provide assessment and evaluation data/reports to support accreditation efforts with Middle States Commission on Higher Education.