Space policy
The purpose of this policy is to provide some guidance to the space committee making AOSC office assignments. Office space is divided into student and nonstudent offices. Nonstudents will be assigned offices according to the following priorities, ranked from highest to lowest:

1) AOSC fulltime academic faculty  
   (this priority reflects the need for space to meet with students),
2) AOSC fulltime research faculty,
3) AOSC fulltime FRAs and fulltime postdocs,
4) AOSC part-time and partial appointment faculty who have their main office elsewhere but are spending a few days a month at AOSC,
5) Other part-time AOSC faculty, part-time FRAs and part-time postdocs.

Other factors the space committee should consider include: the need for space by faculty other than academic faculty for those involved in working with students, rank and time of service at UMD, the desire to keep collaborators nearby, preferences of the researcher, and the desire to avoid disruptive moves. When a researcher leaves and his/her position is not immediately refilled (for example, a postdoc or FRA a faculty member works with) the office reverts to the AOSC space committee (no holding on to offices).