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## OFFICE OF THE PROVOST

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**November 4, 2022**

Dear colleagues,

Over the last year, the Office of the Provost has been working on revamping academic assessment processes to meet the Middle States Commission on Higher Education (MSCHE) self-study area for improvement “Establish a well-defined mechanism for the integration and continuous improvement of the institution’s educational assessment processes”. We also integrated MSCHE Standards for Accreditation and aligned with the university’s strategic goal of “innovation and academic excellence”. The related guidelines, templates, and forms were revised following a benchmarking exercise with best practices, in an effort to generate concise, analytical, and actionable knowledge in support of evidence-based decision making.

A key change pertains to the development and assessment of Program Learning Outcomes (PLOs) for undergraduate and graduate programs. We would therefore like to invite you to our series of interactive face-to-face workshops spread over three sessions during the current fall term. Two workshops will be dedicated to the assessment of undergraduate programs and one to the assessment of graduate programs. A fourth workshop will be scheduled during the spring term and will focus on continuous improvement and closing the loop.

The workshops will be conducted by Dr. Amal Bou Zeineddine, the Acting Director of the Center for Teaching and Learning (CTL).

The department chairs and/or representatives from department assessment committees, as well as faculty/school assessment/accreditation officers are highly encouraged to attend these workshops.

The workshops will provide you with a hands-on opportunity to align your PLO and assessment plans with institutional guidelines.

Description of each workshop, its learning outcomes, and date/time are accessible on [this link](#).

Please [RSVP](#) by November 15 and feel free to forward this invitation to faculty and staff who are involved in academic assessment process.

Best Regards,

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**Fida Afiouni**

Associate Provost

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