furnishings, improvements to our buildings and in particular to our classrooms, as well as permanent purchases for the Library or ITS. These discussions should be happening in your respective departments now and your chairs are expected to report back on needs by mid-March 2022 to Provost@aup.edu

OFFICE OF INSTITUTIONAL RESEARCH, ASSESSMENT AND EFFECTIVENESS

TAYLOR BROOKS'S DEPARTURE: The IRAE Office bid farewell to Taylor Brooks. Taylor served as AUP's Institutional Research Analyst for the last five years. During his time, he helped reshape the office while assisting the faculty, staff, and leadership with their data queries and requirements and therefore contributing in no small manner to the advancement of the Institution. We wish him all the very best.

MSCHE: On the 2nd of December, 2021, the MSCHE officially acknowledged receipt of the supplemental information report with no follow-up requests for evidence. After a brief informal conversation with our Liaison Officer, we have every reason to expect a positive outcome from the coming Spring visit of MSCHE auditors.

CURRICULAR REVIEWS: The regular curricular review processes restarted in Fall 2021. The PHG and E&M departments will have their visits in March while the CSMES and FSML, have begun their curricular self-study.

NEW COURSE ASSESSMENT REPORTING TOOL: As of last week, over 40 faculty members opted to use the new online assessment platform. If you taught in Fall 2021, you have received an email from "Course Evaluations" soliciting assessment results for each course taught. The tool allows faculty, for every course and every learning outcome, to upload the evidence collected, the conclusions, and any planned actions. The tool also provides helpful explanations and examples.

ACADEMIC RESOURCE CENTER

AUP INSTRUCTIONAL DESIGNER: We welcome our new Instructional Designer, Kevin Dixey, who is replacing Ann Borel as the director of ARC. Kevin hails from Bellingham, WA, USA, where he served as Instructional Designer and Learning System Manager for Western Washington University since 2016. Kevin earned his Master's in Education from Western Washington University in 2010 and has been working with WWU faculty ever since offering training and assistance in LMS and course design development.

BLACKBOARD TESTING OPTIONS: Questions about exam options in Blackboard? The Blackboard Faculty Manual for testing can be consulted

We encourage students to attend events/workshops first before coming to a one-on-one meeting

OFFICE OF THE PROVOST NEWS/UPDATES -

- Getting started with ACRL's ProjectOutcome: Tools and strategies for assessing outcomes for your library's programs and services
- Initiating Open Educational Resources (OER) on campus: What does it take?
- Library marketing in action: Initiatives, strategies, and practice across AMICAL institutions
- Unconference: Member-proposed sessions on libraries, technology and pedagogy

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- 24 February: Habib University Makerspace: A multidisciplinary space for all
- 7 April: Enhancing Information Literacy Instruction through Student