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PRESIDENT'S OFFICE

June 26, 2009

Dr. Peter F. Dorman
President
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Dear Dr. Dorman:

At its session on June 25, 2009, the Middle States Commission on Higher Education acted:

To reaffirm accreditation. To commend the institution for the quality of the self-study process and report. To request a monitoring report due April 1, 2011 documenting implementation of an organized and sustained assessment process to evaluate and improve student learning, including (1) establishment of measurable learning outcomes at the program level, including general education (Standards 12 & 14); (2) use of appropriate assessments of the attainment of learning goals at the program and course levels, including direct and indirect measures (Standard 14); and (3) evidence that student learning outcomes are used to make improvements in teaching and learning (Standard 14). The Periodic Review Report is due June 1, 2014.

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Please be assured of the continuing interest of the Commission on Higher Education in the well-being of American University of Beirut. If any further clarification is needed regarding the SAS or other items in this letter, please feel free to contact Dr. Luis G. Pedraja, Vice President.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Peter F. Burnham". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "P" and "B".

Peter F. Burnham
Chair