Dear AUB Community,

Having ably served as University Chief Marshal since 2012, Professor Huda Zurayk has requested to relinquish this position. Please join me in thanking Huda for her dedicated and dignified service in this important ceremonial role. Huda will remain a treasured member and leader of the AUB community and we will avail ourselves regularly of her counsel and commitment to the institution.

The Chief Marshal reports to the President and serves as chief protocol officer for university-wide events such as inaugurations, anniversary celebrations and commencement. It is a special honor granted to faculty in professorial ranks who have not only achieved success in their careers but also have made outstanding contributions to AUB and to the community as a whole. The Chief Marshal is responsible for leading the procession at major university ceremonies and for ensuring that these rituals adhere to proper protocol.

As of September 1, 2015, Professor Lara Halaoui has agreed to serve as Chief Marshal. Lara Halaoui is a distinguished and highly productive Professor of Chemistry, and serves as Associate Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Sciences. She has been affiliated with AUB since 1998 and has chaired and has actively participated in several important committees at the University. She is a recipient of several major awards and honors including a Fulbright Scholar Award (2002-2003), W.R. Kringbaum Fellowship Award in Physical Chemistry (1996) and the J.T. Adams Fellowship Award in Chemistry (1995). She is a talented and committed mentor and scholar, and she will bring great honor to the university in leading our processions as our Chief Marshal, starting next Monday September 7th when she will lead us during our Opening Day Ceremony.

Please join me in thanking Professor Lara Halaoui and congratulating her on this new role, and in wishing her continued success and leadership at AUB.

Best regards,

Fadlo R. Khuri, MD
President