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Dear AUB Community,

It is my pleasure to announce the appointment of Mr. Ramin Sedehi as Chief Operating Officer (COO) at AUB effective January 25, 2016. The COO will report to the President and is a member of the Executive Leadership Team, which comprises the President, the Provost, the COO and the Executive Vice President for Medicine and Global Strategy.

As a key member of AUB’s senior leadership team, the COO contributes to AUB’s strategy and vision while having direct operational responsibility of procurement, business systems and financial controls, human resources, information technology, security as well as facilities and physical plant. The COO’s primary focus would be to align the strategies of the reporting units to that of the university.

The COO will work closely with the President, Provost and the Executive Vice President for Medicine and Global Strategy. Whereas the Provost has primary responsibility for academic and programmatic affairs and the Executive Vice President for Medicine and Global Strategy has primary responsibility for AUB Medical Center and for advising the President on global strategies, the COO will take primary responsibility for the overall operational health and business affairs of the University, representing the President in developing and fostering effective collaboration within the senior management team. The COO will have advanced management skills to fulfill the business and operational needs of the academic units and to integrate the implementation of operational plans.

Mr. Ramin Sedehi has served as the Managing Director of Higher Education Practice at Berkeley Research Group since July, 2012. He served with great distinction as Vice Dean for Finance and Administration, School of Arts and Sciences, at the University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia from 2000 till 2012, marshaling the development of the additional resources for the school. Ramin developed the sustainable fiscal management that allowed the University of Pennsylvania to continue to thrive despite the economic downturn of 2008-2009. Prior to that, he served for over a decade in increasingly critical leadership roles at the University of California, San Francisco and Stanford University Schools of Medicine and health systems. Ramin holds a Bachelor of Arts from California State University, Hayward. He was the unanimous choice of the Search Committee and his recruitment was strongly endorsed by the Executive
Committee of the Board of Trustees. Ramin brings to AUB substantial senior-level expertise in all aspects of higher education and institutional administration, management and strategic planning.

Please join me in extending Ramin a warm welcome as our Chief Operating Officer.

Best regards,

Fadlo R. Khuri, MD
President