Dear AUB Community,

I would like to express my and the AUB Community’s sincere gratitude to the incomparable Professor Makhlof Haddadin for serving as Acting President from July 1-August 31, 2015. His renowned wisdom and knowledge of AUB and its history have again been invaluable during this important transition period. As of September 1, 2015, in addition to continuing his distinguished work in the Department of Chemistry, Professor Haddadin has kindly agreed to take on the role of Senior Advisor to the President. Professor Haddadin brings more than 50 years of exceptional service to AUB – an outstanding faculty member in the Department of Chemistry since 1965, he has served three times as Acting President, in 1998, 1999 and 2015, as Vice President for Academic Affairs from 1987 through 1999, as well as Chairman and Acting Dean of several faculties.

In his new position, Professor Haddadin will be working closely with me and the Executive Leadership Team to share his perspective and expertise. His wide-ranging experience and contributions along with his ability to provide insightful evaluations and observations will be particularly valuable to us.

Moreover, with the approaching 150th anniversary of AUB, the University and I will benefit greatly from Professor Haddadin’s knowledge and wisdom, especially that he has been at AUB for one-third of its history. Professor Haddadin’s mentorship of generations of scholars and his wise stewardship of so many important academic and administrative initiatives provide a perspective that is difficult to match. Over the coming years, I will be calling on the services of many of our other devoted, determined, and strategically wise junior and senior faculty and staff to follow Professor Haddadin’s shining example. We all need to join fully in our efforts to make this into an even stronger center for liberal education and an even more potent research university.
I am confident that you will join me in extending our warmest wishes and in thanking Professor Haddadin for accepting once again to share his remarkable knowledge of and devotion to the university in this strategic role, as we embark together on the many important challenges and opportunities of the coming years.

Best regards,

Fadlo R. Khuri, MD
President