Dear Faculty and Staff,

I am pleased to announce that Dr. Alan Shihadeh has accepted the role of Interim Dean of the Faculty of Engineering and Architecture, effective September 1, 2016 after Dean Makram Suidan steps down. A search will be initiated soon and Dr. Shihadeh will serve as Interim Dean until the University selects a permanent replacement for Dr. Suidan.

Dr. Shihadeh earned his Sc.D in Mechanical Engineering from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1998, and joined AUB in 2000. In 2002, he founded the AUB Aerosol Research Lab, which produces interdisciplinary policy-driven research in the domains of tobacco control, urban and indoor air pollution, and atmospheric chemistry. With his team, and with collaborators at AUB and abroad, he made a number of important discoveries, including identification of toxicant dose levels in waterpipe smoke, prompting the promulgation of advisory warnings by the WHO and the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. He has authored 60 refereed journal articles and numerous refereed conference presentations. His work was a major driver of the decision of WHO to designate AUB as the Global Knowledge Hub in Waterpipe Smoking.

Dr. Shihadeh was promoted to the rank of Professor in 2012 and has secured more than $4m in research grants for AUB from the US National Institutes of Health, the US Food & Drug Administration, and other major funding organizations. He is a member of the Taskforce on the Lives and Careers of Women Faculty at AUB and previously represented FEA on the Taskforce on Tenure (2006-7). Within the Faculty he also served in the key role of relocation coordinator, coordinating between multiple internal and external stakeholders as more than 30 engineering and architecture laboratories and design studios moved into the CCC Science Research Building. Alan is widely admired at AUB as a thoughtful advocate both for academic excellence and for collegial shared governance.

Please join me in wishing him well in his role leading this outstanding AUB faculty.

Best regards,

Fadlo R. Khuri, MD
President