

AMERICAN UNIVERSITY OF BEIRUT
Office of the President



January 18, 2017

To the AUB Community,

In the spirit of transparency that we have promised our community, I would like to share with you my intention to recommend to the Board of Trustees of the American University of Beirut the appointment of Dr. Mohamed Harajli as Provost as of March 18, 2017, consistent with the University's Bylaws and policies.

Dr. Harajli has been serving as Interim Provost for more than 18 months and his performance has exceeded the Board's and our expectations. Since his appointment, there has been considerable progress in student, faculty, and staff morale and conditions, and the Provost's office has been at the center of all of these areas. Major milestones have also been achieved, including finalizing the agreement on the faculty contract, student election reform, Middle States accreditation, considerable improvements in international university rankings, the stabilization and predictability of tuition increases, the launch of academic strategic plans, several successful and ongoing dean searches and major recruitments, and for the first time in 31 years, the reinstatement of tenure at AUB, a true university landmark and historic benchmark of which Dr. Harajli has been the chief engineer, along with Drs. Michael Collins and Zaher Dawy.

As the chief academic officer of the University, the Provost will be working towards achieving the vision of our Administration and our Board, and we strongly believe that the involvement of our community in such an initiative is integral for its success. Therefore, prior to my making a formal recommendation regarding Dr. Harajli's appointment as Provost to the University's Board of Trustees, the University will perform intensive consultations with the various constituents of the community in order to communicate the new academic vision developed by the Provost, in concert with us, within the framework of the new academic strategic planning, campus master planning and the capital campaign. A series of town hall meetings will be held to welcome the input of the AUB community.

Members selected to participate in these consultations include:

1. Philip Khoury, Chair, Board of Trustees
2. Nehme Sabbagh, Trustee
3. Mohamed Sayegh, EVP/Dean FM
4. Steve Harvey, OSB Dean
5. Huda Huijjer, HSON Director
6. Rosemarie Boustani, FM
7. Salah Sadek, FEA
8. Lina Ghaibeh, FEA
9. Monique Chayaa, FHS
10. Sonja Mecher Atassi, FAS
11. Imad Patrick Saoud, FAS
12. Mohammad Abiad, FAFS
13. Charbel Tarraf, Student Affairs
14. Laudy Issa, Student
15. Mohamad Khalifeh, Student
16. Imad Baalbaki, VP Advancement
17. Mary Jaber, Chief of Staff
18. Youssif Asfour, Chief Information Officer
19. Hanan Ramadan, Director of Procurement
20. Samar Diab, HR Director - Campus
21. Mishka Mourani, Alumna
22. Abdallah Darwish, Alumnus

Best regards,

Fadlo R. Khuri, MD
President