AUB welcomed a prominent delegation from the American University of Cairo (AUC) for high-level working sessions January 7-9 centered on discussion of inter-university educational and research programs.

The delegation, headed by AUC President Lisa Anderson, held a series of meetings with AUB leadership including President Dorman and Provost Dallal, with faculty deans, and with a number of faculty members to identify the most promising areas for collaboration and to develop a preliminary timeline for cooperation.

Areas of immediate interest include student exchanges, co-teaching and faculty exchanges, collaboration on civic engagement, and joint visiting appointments in humanities, public policy, and global affairs. To enhance cooperation, both universities will organize an AUB-AUC joint one day workshop or conference on agreed upon common themes in alternate years and alternate locations for faculty and students with the first workshop to be held in AUC next fall 2015.

Recognizing the opportunity to leverage the unique histories and expertise of AUB and AUC to create complementary leadership in Middle Eastern Studies from within the region, active cooperation between the respective programs was identified as a longer-term priority. Science and technology policy was also discussed as a critical sector for potential collaboration.

The AUC delegation participated on January 7 in the launching http://www.aub.edu.lb/news/2015/Pages/pro-green-technologies.aspx of the first online diploma in green technologies in the region. Jointly offered by AUB, the Lebanese American University (LAU), and AUC, “Pro-Green” is funded by a grant from EU Tempus and has secured the active support of a prestigious industry advisory council. A regional model for collaborative work, the program is informed by the experience of European partner universities in online education, but designed for professionals confronting energy issues and contexts specific to the Middle East and North Africa.