

AMERICAN UNIVERSITY OF BEIRUT
Chairman of the Board of Trustees



October 31, 2019

Dear AUB Community,

The Board of Trustees is closely following developments in Lebanon and at the American University of Beirut. We would like to express our appreciation for the dedication of faculty, staff, students and administrators, who have worked together to keep the campus and the Medical Center running in the midst of these testing times.

AUB has experienced more than its fair share of challenges during its 153-year existence, and it has always prevailed, endured and even shone. The institution has indeed grown stronger through such trials, through focusing on its core goals while adapting to new realities that present themselves.

During this period of uncertainty, the Board endorses and strongly supports the approach adopted by President Khuri and his leadership team whose goals are to put the safety of our community first, to maintain unity and encourage peaceful dialogue, to find ways of fulfilling our mission of teaching and advancing knowledge, all while we continue to provide world-class care for patients and service to communities. We applaud their strong commitment to the values that have served the university these many years. We fully support our students' freedom of expression and right to engage in peaceful protests.

Our thoughts are with all members of our beloved University, whether they are engaged in peaceful protests or offer their service in myriad other ways for a better future for Lebanon.

Sincerely,

Philip S. Khoury
Chairman
AUB Board of Trustees