

AMERICAN UNIVERSITY OF BEIRUT
Office of the President



October 22, 2019

Dear AUB community,

I have spent this evening with students and colleagues in impromptu gatherings as well as discussions with senior student representatives. All of us are committed to preserving the safety of our community and the mission of this university. Strong evidence of intimidation and genuine concerns for the safety of our community prevent us from delivering classes tomorrow.

As I have stated from the first day, we are committed to both educating our students and supporting their sincere commitment to build a better tomorrow for themselves and for Lebanon. As such, we will cancel classes for tomorrow (Wednesday) while keeping AUB open for all members of our community who need to work or study on campus at their convenience. Faculty and staff should exercise their discretion as to whether they are able to report for work tomorrow.

It has always been our goal to create the opportunity for our students to exercise their civic responsibilities and national aspirations, all while providing a world-class education at AUB. We therefore commit to keep AUB as accessible and as supportive as possible for all of our community in these extraordinary and challenging days.

Best regards,

Fadlo R. Khuri, MD
President