

American University of Beirut
Office of the President



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Dear AUB Faculty and Staff,

As you have recently heard from Provost Ahmad Dallal, Professor Nesreen Ghaddar will conclude her years of diligent and distinguished service as Associate Provost, to return to her faculty responsibilities in the Faculty of Engineering and Architecture. I would like to add my own deep gratitude to Provost Dallal's eloquent words and acknowledge her years of selfless and outstanding devotion.

At the recommendation of President-Elect Fadlo R. Khuri and Interim Provost-Elect Mohamed H. Harajli, I am pleased to announce the appointments of two Interim Associate Provosts: Professor Hala Gali-Muhtasib and Professor Nadia El Cheikh.

Professor Hala Gali-Muhtasib has been the Chairperson of the Enrolment Management Unit since 2012 and is Professor of Cell and Molecular Biology. An accomplished scholar specializing in the study of the role of natural products in cancer prevention and therapy, she served as Chair of the Biology Department from 2006-2009.

Professor Nadia El Cheikh is Chairperson of the Department of History and Archaeology. Previously she served as the Director of the Center for Arab and Middle Eastern Studies from 2000-2004 and 2006-2009. She is an eminent scholar of the history of Arab Byzantine relations and gender history in the Abbasid period.

Professors Hala Gali-Muhtasib and Nadia El Cheikh will focus broadly on the areas of re-accreditation; the proposal to restore tenure; a review of strategic faculty recruitment and promotion; student enrolment and management; student career planning and mental health; and other broad faculty and student affairs.

Their appointments as Interim Associate Provosts will become effective July 1, 2015, and will last through the next academic year. Please join me in congratulating them on their new positions and wishing them well.

Peter Dorman
President