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**Message from AUB President Dr. Fadlo R. Khuri**  
**to the AUB Community regarding the Advertorial Video**

**Khuri: “AUB and I personally, have not and will not be endorsing any candidates in local, national or international elections”**

Dear AUB Community,

It has come to my attention that a video has been circulating of an unscripted discussion that was held between a prominent Lebanese businessman with LAU President Joseph Jabra and myself approximately one year ago.

This has been interpreted by some as an endorsement for a potential candidate. It is clear from the

content that the video is an appeal for greater collaboration between this country’s major universities and the private sector in order to enable enhanced employment in this increasingly challenging job market. As such, the discussion is virtually identical in content to ones that the two of us have had with a large number of Lebanese business and political leaders, and should not be construed in any way as an endorsement of any particular political platform.

The American University of Beirut, and I personally, have not and will not be endorsing any candidates in local, national or international elections.

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## Note to Editors

### About AUB

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