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## **2010 AUB student elections: smooth, transparent, and tweeted**

Beirut, Lebanon- 24/11/2010—Student elections were held at the American University of Beirut on November 24, 2010.

Voting closed at 5 pm sharp and ballot counting started shortly after.

Some 264 students vied over 109 seats on the Student Representative Council, with students campaigning for one of two main groups—the yellow “Students At Work” and the blue “We Will” campaign.

Two large computer-linked screens beamed election results to students thronging outside West Hall as of 5.30 pm.

For the first time ever, AUB tweeted the results of the elections within a few minutes of their being released. More than 400 people followed AUB's tweets. The University also posted photos from Election Day on Facebook and Flickr.

Student Affairs Dean Talal Nizammeddine described the election process as “democratic, competitive, smooth, and transparent.”  
“Student elections give students the opportunity to adopt sound democratic principles and habits,” he said.

For the first time since student elections were started at AUB in 1949, 46 observers from the Lebanese Association for Democratic Elections oversaw Election Day at AUB. LADE Coordinator at AUB Tamim BouKarroum described the process as “very well-organized.”

The AUB Office of Communications will be sending you the final and complete list of winners of the SRC elections later this evening, once the results are out.

In the meantime, you may follow results through Twitter at [www.twitter.com/AUB\\_Lebanon](http://www.twitter.com/AUB_Lebanon)

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<http://www.facebook.com/aub.edu.lb#!/album.php?aid=30540&id=135363989836119>

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Note to Editors

## **About AUB**

Founded in 1866, the American University of Beirut bases its educational philosophy, standards, and practices on the American liberal arts model of higher education. A teaching-centered research university, AUB has 606 full-time faculty members and a student body of more than 7,500 students. AUB currently offers more than 100 programs leading to the bachelor's, master's, MD, and PhD degrees. It provides medical education and training to students from throughout the region at its Medical Center that includes a full service 420-bed hospital.

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