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AUB reaffirms MSCHE Accreditation

Khuri: “An Expression of Confidence in AUB’s Mission and Educational Goals”

The American University of Beirut (AUB) announced that the university’s institutional accreditation status has been reaffirmed by the Middle States Commission on Higher Education (MSCHE) with the acceptance of the University’s Monitoring Report, submitted on April 1, 2016.

AUB President Dr. Fadlo R. Khuri declared the news to the university’s community saying: “MSCHE accreditation is an expression of confidence in AUB's mission, goals, resources and performance based upon periodic internal and external assessment. AUB was first granted institutional accreditation by MSCHE in June 2004, and this accreditation was reaffirmed in 2007, 2009, 2011, and 2014”.

“The 2016 Monitoring Report documents the University’s progress since that time in enhancing shared governance, most notably the historic vote of the Board of Trustees in November 2015 to reinstate tenure, and in implementing a strategic financial planning and budgeting process aligned with the University’s goals and mission”, Khuri added.

He also said: “Our next accreditation milestone will be an extensive self-study process commencing in 2017, to be completed with a site visit by an evaluation team of MSCHE peer reviewers in 2018-2019”.

“I would like to thank the many people who worked hard to achieve this confirmation of AUB’s excellence as an institution of higher education from MSCHE, one of the oldest accrediting bodies in the U.S. I would especially like to cite the work of Interim Provost Mohamed Harajli and the Office of the Provost in supervising the process. Please join me and the Board of Trustees in expressing our appreciation for their efforts”, Khuri concluded.

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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 more than 700 full-time faculty members and a student body of about 8,500 students. AUB currently offers more than 130 programs leading to 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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