

Survey of Graduating Students 1999-2000

Background

AUB received a grant from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation to support its efforts to enhance teaching and learning at the university (1999). A University Task Force on Undergraduate Teaching Excellence (TF) was established to recommend measures that would lead to the improvement of teaching and learning.

To achieve this, the TF assessed the teaching practices at AUB from the perspective of the providers (AUB faculty) and customers (AUB students). A teacher survey was prepared during the year 1999-2000 by a subcommittee of the following members of the TF: Jamal Abed, Kevin Butcher (Chair), Said El-Fakhani, and Iman Nuwayhid. The teacher survey was later approved by the TF. The objectives of the teacher survey were to map current teaching practices at AUB in relation to contemporary theories and practices and to identify needs and expectations among AUB faculty. The survey was administered in the Spring Term of the Academic Year 1999-2000.

Another subcommittee from was formed and charged with the task of preparing a student survey. The subcommittee members were Jamal Abed, Nuhad Doumit, Fuad Mrad (Chair), Nisreen Ghaddar and Rami Zurayk. The objectives of the student survey were to assess current teaching practices at AUB, to assess students' educational experience at AUB, and to evaluate programs' outcomes. The survey was administered to AUB graduating class of 2000 at the end of the Spring Term of the Academic Year 1999-2000.

Wadad El-Husseiny, research assistant at the Office of the Provost, processed and entered the raw data obtained from the responses to both surveys. A subcommittee was formed consisting of Iman Nuwahid (Chair), Jamal Abed and Nuhad Dumit to analyze both the teachers' and the students' surveys with the assistance of Wadad El-Husseiny. During the Fall 2000-2001, the subcommittee submitted a report entitled: "[Teaching Practices at AUB: A Teacher-Student Perspective](#)". The Task Force on Teaching Excellence discussed this report at length, and approved it in the Task Force meeting on April 27, 2001.

The Task Force recommended that the student survey be administered every year, and the faculty survey be administered every two or three years. Based on the results of the first student survey, the TF subcommittee consisting of Abed, Doumit and Nuwayhid (Chair) revised the student survey, eliminated some questions, rephrased others, and rearranged the question order so as to group questions on the same topic together. The revised student survey was approved by the TF in the Spring of 2001 and the student survey was administered again to the graduating class of 2001. The raw data

obtained from responses to this second student survey were processed and entered by Lamia El-Husseiny, research assistant at the Office of the Provost. Saouma Boujaoude conducted a full data analysis of this survey and compared it with the data obtained from the first student survey and wrote the final report. This report, entitled “[Results of The Survey of Graduating Students 2000/2001](#)”, was approved by the Task Force.