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To: aub-users@aub.edu.lb
Subject: Message from the Co-chairs of the Search Committee for University Librarian
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Dear AUB Community,

As a follow-up to Provost Dawy's [message](#) of March 18, 2022 announcing the initiation of a search for the position of University Librarian, we would like to inform you that the search committee will soon start its meetings and agree on a timeline for the search process.

The search for a new University Librarian will be an engaged and inclusive process that would result in the selection of an individual whom we believe will be exceptionally qualified to lead the University Libraries to new heights of success. The search committee will consult with community stakeholders to discuss the search, answer questions and solicit feedback and this includes faculty members, senior administrators, staff members, as well as students and alumni. Later in the process, we will also engage the community at large by providing opportunities for feedback on candidates who are invited for an interview on campus.

The position has been recently posted on the AUB HR website in addition to a number of advertising venues (**for the full text of the ad, please refer to the [website](#)**):

The American University of Beirut (AUB) invites applications and nominations for the position of **University Librarian**. The University Librarian is the chief administrative officer of the University Libraries. Reporting to the Provost, the University Librarian will work closely with the deans and the university leadership to advance AUB's mission and provide for the teaching, learning, research, and practice needs of its community. The University Librarian will be a transformative leader with a forward-looking vision who will shape the role, attract external resources, establish partnerships, and lead the expansion of the libraries as part of the University's global vision to establish [twin campuses and hubs](#) in key strategic countries over the next two to five years.

Leading candidates will be active researchers with a record of accomplishments and a significant and progressive administrative experience in academic and research libraries that span ten or more years. They will have personal qualities to engage and communicate effectively with multiple constituencies (students, faculty, staff and alumni), navigate complex environments, and foster a workplace culture of teamwork and inclusive management. A master's degree in Library or Information Science or equivalent degree from an ALA-accredited program is strongly preferred as well as a second advanced degree. PhD holders may additionally qualify for an academic appointment in an appropriate faculty/school at AUB.

We count on your help in forwarding nominations (include nominee's contact information)

and encouraging individuals whom you believe have the proper qualifications for the position to apply. Applications must be sent electronically to provost@aub.edu.lb by April 22, 2022 at the latest.

Thank you for your assistance,

Sincerely,

FHS Interim Dean Abla Sibai (co-chair)

OSB Dean Yusuf Sidani (co-chair)