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Subject: Message from the Co-chairs of the Search Committee for FAS Dean
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Dear AUB Community,

As a follow-up to [President Khuri's message](#) of December 15, 2021 announcing the initiation of the search for the position of **Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Sciences (FAS)**, 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 FAS dean will be an engaged and inclusive process that will result in the selection of an individual whom we believe will be exceptionally qualified to lead FAS to new heights of excellence and impact in teaching, research, and service. The search committee will consult with community stakeholders to solicit feedback at different stages of the search process.

The position has been [recently posted on the AUB HR website](#) in addition to a number of academic advertising venues, and is summarized below:

The American University of Beirut (AUB) invites applications and nominations for the position of **Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Sciences (FAS)**. Established in 1866, FAS is the oldest and largest faculty at AUB. FAS houses twenty-eight academic departments, programs, and centers in four major areas of study: humanities, social sciences, natural sciences, and quantitative thought. It offers undergraduate programs leading to bachelor's degrees as well as graduate education leading to master's degrees in most fields. It also offers graduate programs leading to the degrees of Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Arabic Language and Literature, Arab and Middle Eastern History, Cell and Molecular Biology, and Theoretical Physics. It has approximately 244 full-time and 145 part-time faculty and over 2,600 students from Lebanon and the region pursuing undergraduate and graduate degrees. FAS is considered the university's principal gateway to higher studies and professional education. It embodies AUB's core commitment to the liberal arts and the sciences. Through its teaching and research, the faculty promotes free inquiry, critical thinking, academic integrity, civic engagement, and respect for diversity and equality. More information and details about the faculty are found at the following [link](#).

Reporting to the provost, the dean is the responsible academic and executive head of the faculty. In addition to managing academic and administrative functions of the

faculty, the dean participates in university-wide shared governance processes and is a member of AUB's leadership team. The dean will be an accomplished academic leader qualified for appointment to the rank of tenured full professor in an appropriate FAS department. Leading candidates will have a distinguished record of scholarship; a commitment to education, research, community outreach as well as the values and the vision of AUB; the capacity to advance the faculty's academic mission and interests; demonstrated administrative experience including strategic planning, personnel management, budget development, and management in an academic setting; a record of recruiting and retaining high-quality faculty and students; and the capacity to engage with multiple constituencies, including students, faculty, staff, and alumni, as well as leaders in various sectors.

We count on your help in forwarding nominations to provost@aub.edu.lb and encouraging individuals whom you believe have the appropriate qualifications for this leadership position to apply. Applications must be submitted by **February 18, 2022**.

Thank you for your assistance in the search for a new dean of FAS.

Sincerely,

BOT Chairman Philip S. Khoury (co-chair)

Provost Zaher Dawy (co-chair)