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Dear members of the AUB community,

In just over a month, AUB will host the visiting Middle States Commission on Higher Education (MSCHE) Evaluation Team which is responsible for assessing the university's application for reaccreditation.

This is the final hurdle before MSCHE reaccreditation can be granted, after AUB submitted its Self-Study [Report](#) in mid-January. The report was assembled by more than 100 members of the community including students, faculty, staff, and administrators, and was refined and revised following feedback from the whole [community](#) and the [chair of the MSCHE Evaluation Team](#), before being endorsed by the Board of Trustees. The Self-Study Report includes 13 recommendations that AUB is committed to addressing and implementing in pursuit of its continuous assessment and improvement process.

The six-member MSCHE Evaluation Team will spend three days at AUB (March 3-6) to meet with students, faculty, staff, administrators, and trustees in order to learn more about the university and address any questions that the team may have after reviewing the Self-Study Report. The team members are:

- **Dr. John DiNardo**, Chair of the MSCHE Evaluation Team, Vice Provost for Academic Affairs, Professor of Physics, Drexel University.
- **Dr. Fadi Pierre Deek**, Provost and Senior Executive Vice President, New Jersey Institute of Technology.
- **Dr. Atta Gebril**, Associate Professor and MATESOL (Masters in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages) Program Director, American University in Cairo.
- **Dr. Karen L Pennington**, Vice President for Student Development and Campus Life, Montclair State University.
- **Mr. Tomaso Rizzi**, Vice President for Finance and Administration, Franklin University Switzerland.
- **Dr. Joan Tilghman**, Chairperson, Doctor of Nursing Practice Program, Coppin State University.

The visit consists of scheduled interviews with individuals and groups as well as daily team meetings. The schedule will be posted on the [Self-Study Website](#) as soon as it is finalized. The team chair will prepare a report of the findings that will be the basis for MSCHE decision for reaccreditation.

I wish to express my sincere appreciation to those who engaged in the self-study process with such commitment since its inception, namely the [Steering Committee \(SC\) and the co-chairs and members of the eight Working Groups \(WG\)](#). Special appreciation is offered to Dr. Saouma Boujaoude, who led the SC as vice-chair; the co-chairs who drafted the chapters of the Self-Study Report; Mrs. Boushra Rahal, who directed the self-study process from its [design](#) to [delivery](#); Mr. Martin Asser, Dr. Lina Choueiri, and Dr. Syrine Hout for editing the report in its various versions; and Mr. Najib Attieh, the report designer. Together we have raised the bar for future accreditation work, not only to meet the MSCHE [Standards for Accreditation and Requirements for Affiliation](#), but also to advance our mission of continuous assessment and improvement.

As always, please feel free to get in touch with Mrs. Rahal, Director of Institutional Accreditation, for any questions at (br02@aub.edu.lb).

Best regards,

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Chair of the Self-Study Steering Committee
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