



## OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

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Dear members of the AUB community,

I am pleased to announce the formation of the AUB Sustainability Committee. Sustainability is one of the most critical and timely of issues of our day and is being tackled from all angles at the university, from operations to pedagogy and research. Given its importance from both an academic and administrative perspective, the committee will be co-chaired by our provost and vice president for administration, leading a team of interdisciplinary members from across campus and the medical center.

### Co-Chairs:

- Provost Zaher Dawy
- Vice president for administration and chief of staff Mary Jaber

### Members:

- Office of Institutional Effectiveness and Decision Support (IEDS): Jean Abi Saab, senior institutional analyst
- AUBMC Facility Management Department: Gaby Andraos, engineering director
- AUB Nature Conservation Center: Alain Daou, director
- Faculty of Medicine: Assaad Eid, professor and associate dean
- Munib and Angela Masri Institute for Energy and Natural Resources: Nesreen Ghaddar, director
- Campus Procurement and Contract Administration Department: Hanan Itani, senior director
- Student representative: Mariam Mahmassani
- Environmental Health, Safety, and Risk Management (EHSRM): Farouk Merhebi, director
- Physical Plant Department: Yamen Rajeh, assistant director
- Maroun Semaan Faculty of Engineering and Architecture: Alan Shihadeh, dean
- AUBotanic: Salma Talhouk, chair

- Office of Communications: Mimi Touma, communications officer
- Medical Center Director's Office: Samah Zayour, supply chain and logistics director

The committee's mandate is to develop a long-term sustainability strategy for AUB with objectives, targets, timelines, and budget allocations. In addition, the committee will provide oversight for the assessment of the university's sustainability culture, expand the integration of sustainability into the core functions of the university, ensure the accuracy and transparency of reporting, and work on relevant policies, both existing and new. By instituting a governance structure for sustainability and realizing an aspirational strategy, we will enhance AUB's position as a sustainability leader in higher education.

This is an area of inquiry that holds enormous promise and possibilities, not only to innovate and elucidate, but also to make a substantial difference to the people of our region and the world, both now and in the future. I thank all members of the committee for making time for this important endeavor, and I encourage everyone within our community to engage, assist, and support them as we further cement AUB's role as a global leader in sustainability.

Sincerely,

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President

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