

American University of Beirut
Office of the President



Dear AUB Community,

I wish to announce that Professor Hassan Diab will be returning to his primary responsibility of Vice President for Regional External Programs (REP) effective November 24, as I have asked him specifically to take on the expanded role of rebranding the Regional External Programs arm of AUB and exploring opportunities for establishing one or more permanent offices in the Gulf, to be used for consultancy, continuing education including executive business education, and development opportunities.

Dr. Diab has served selflessly in the position of Interim COO upon the departure of Mr. DeBin in early April of this year, and in fact took on this added duty in addition to REP, at my request. I extend my personal gratitude to him for accepting the challenging responsibility of coordinating the multiple direct reports of Finance, Facilities, IT, Human Resources, Protection, Procurement, and Physical Plant, on an interim basis. This was an especially important task during the summer, when our IT unit was in transition, and when many senior administrators were taking their annual leave—including myself. During this time Dr. Diab remained on campus to ensure the smoothest possible running of the administrative units, for which he deserves full credit.

With the academic year now fully begun, I am re-assuming the direct reports listed above, which as you will recall were under my supervision prior to the arrival of the former COO.

Once again, I wish to thank Professor Diab for his outstanding service to AUB, and please join me in wishing him well in his fuller responsibilities as VP for REP.

Peter Dorman
President