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Dear members of the AUB community,

We are always looking for ways to strengthen operational efficiency, enhance institutional effectiveness, and ensure that our university and medical center remain sustainable. To that end, we have been undertaking a careful review of several operational areas, guided by consultation and collaboration, and by a shared commitment to doing things better.

Through this process, we identified facilities as an area that would greatly benefit from strategic restructuring and centralization across AUB and AUBMC. We are confident that bringing the facilities functions (Physical Plant Department, Facilities Planning and Design Unit, and Facilities Management Department) together under a single, coordinated structure will enhance decision-making and coordination while strengthening support for AUB's academic, clinical, and research mission.

We are pleased to announce the appointment of Mr. Gaby Andraos as director of facilities, covering both AUB and AUBMC, reporting to the vice president for administration. Gaby brings a wealth of experience to this position and is well known across the campus and medical center. He began his career at AUBMC in 1999 and moved through units and ranks to most recently assume oversight of Facility Management and Biomedical Engineering departments. His expertise spans facilities management, biomedical engineering, medical IT, project management, and large-scale systems integration. Gaby's institutional knowledge and collaborative leadership style position him well to guide this new, centralized facilities structure.

Reporting directly to Mr. Andraos will be a devoted team who are known for their dedication to AUB's mission and commitment to its growth. Of particular note is that two of the team are graduates of AUB's Next Generation Leadership Academy.

- Energy and Utilities **Georges Khoury**
- Environmental Health, Safety, and Sustainability **Farouk Merhebi**
- Facilities Management **Yamen Rajeh**
- Projects Planning, Design, and Supervision **Tania Tohme**
- Biomedical Engineering **Samer Zabad**

As we begin the transition to this new structure, we count on your patience and support. Further information and technical details will be shared with the community as we move along. Together, we can build on the strong foundations already in place and ensure that AUB's facilities continue to serve our community well into the future while guaranteeing that our physical infrastructure keeps supporting AUB's mission. Please join me in wishing Gaby and the facilities team all the best in their new leadership roles.

I take this opportunity to offer sincere appreciation to Mr. Jean Abdelnour and Mr. Bassem Barhoumi for their many years of devoted and impactful service and to wish them well in their much-deserved retirement.

Best regards,

Mary Jaber Nachar
Vice President for Administration and Chief of Staff
