



Steering Committee Meeting

April 10, 2007

Meeting time: 4:00-:500

LAU Beirut/ Byblos, Video Conferencing

Minutes of the Meeting

Present: Abdallah Sfeir (Chair), Elie Badr, Soula Boustany, Abdallah El Khal, Cedar Mansour, Rima Turk (Secretary), Camille Issa, Emile Lamah, Aida Naaman, Vatche Papazian, Jim Finlay, Mars Semaan, Salpie Djoundourian, Huda Abdo, Roy Majdalani, Samer Habre, Elias Raad, Nash'at Mansour.

1. Prayer

2. **Approval of Agenda:** The agenda was approved as distributed.

3. **Approval of Minutes:** The minutes were approved as circulated.

4. Business Arising from Previous Minutes:

Dr. Sfeir thanked SC members for the accomplishment of the self-study and for being ready to face the challenges of the next period.

5. NEASC Candidacy Visit

SC members were already emailed the schedule of NEASC team visit. Each NEASC team member was assigned 2 team facilitators to assist them go around LAU grounds. SC members were urged to be available in Beirut on Tuesday, April 17 in the afternoon in case NEASC team members request them for specific meetings. SC members are also kindly requested to be present in Byblos on Wednesday, April 18 between 1:00-3:00 as well. LAU hopes to receive the official report from the Commission within 2 weeks after the visit. The time span between candidacy and accreditation ranges between 2 to 5 years. Finally, the objective of the NEASC candidacy visit is to make sure that LAU was accurate and candid in its self-study, and that the institution is committed to the stated projections.

6. Other Business

Concerns were raised by SC members about the upcoming NEASC candidacy visit and were addressed by Dr. Sfeir.

Faculty were urged to encourage qualified students to respond to the NSSE and to fill in the FSSE themselves.

Dr. Sfeir announced that the mandate of the SC will end with the NEASC Candidacy visit.

Dr. E. Badr was unanimously thanked for his leadership and guidance for the accreditation exercise.