Dear faculty members and staff:

It gives me great pleasure to appoint Dr. Miguel Abboud as Chair of the Department of Pediatrics and Adolescent Medicine effective February 1, 2011. The Search Committee for the Chair undertook an extensive international search and chose Dr. Abboud as the next leader of the Department of Pediatrics and Adolescent Medicine.

Dr. Abboud graduated with an MD degree from Faculty of Medicine (FM) at the American University of Beirut (AUB) in 1982. He completed three years of residency training at AUB FM (1981-1984), and three years of fellowship at the Department of Pediatrics at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center and The New York Hospital, Cornell University Medical (1984-1987). He received the degree of Masters in Hospital and Health Management from the Ecole Supérieure des Affaires (ESA) in 2009.

Dr. Abboud was appointed as Assistant Professor in the Department of Pediatrics at the Medical University of South Carolina in 1989, promoted to the rank of Associate Professor in 1995, and to the rank of Professor in 2001. He was appointed as Professor at AUB FM and Medical Director for Children’s Cancer Center of Lebanon (CCCL) in August 2002.

In addition to being a pioneering researcher, clinician and teacher, Dr. Abboud has successfully over the past 8 years left his impressive fingerprints in pediatric oncology in Lebanon and the region. He has been instrumental in introducing new programs and establishing regional and international networking. He received the Physician of the Year Award from the National Committee for Lebanese Children in 2007.

Miguel will be relinquishing his position as Medical Director of CCCL. Dr. Samar Muwakkit will serve as Acting Medical Director of CCCL for the period during which a formal search will be conducted for the Director position.

I am confident that you will join me in giving our support to Dr. Abboud at the helm of the Department of Pediatrics & Adolescent Medicine and in expressing our gratitude to Dr. Sami Sanjad.

Regards,

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