

University Council Statement

September 21, 2016

Due to the university's unsolved crisis over the increase in tuition fees, and students' insistence on forcibly closing the university's campus for 27 days in a row, the University Council in its emergency meeting held September 21, 2016 at the Board of Trustees Headquarters in Ramallah has decided the following:

- In accordance with Article 23 (b) of the Academic Body Rules and Regulations, which allows the University Council to give the academic faculty their annual leave in periods of emergency circumstances, the academic body and research and teaching assistants are placed on leave beginning Saturday, September 24, 2016.
- Administrative staff and technicians are placed on annual leave starting Saturday, September 24, 2016.
- Faculty and staff who are assigned tasks by the university vice presidents are excluded from the resolutions mentioned in Item (1) and (2).
- The summer course of the academic year 2016/2017 is cancelled.

Regardless, the University Council praises the formidable efforts being invested by the Worker's Union to solve the crisis. The council assures its openness to mediators who are striving to preserve the students' rights, and seeks to uphold the university's mission and role in the academic sphere and Palestinian society.