Dear Fellow KUMC students,

As graduating students prepare for the next phase of their professional endeavors, spring provides an opportunity to reflect on the accomplishments of the past year. Student involvement in campus planning and decision making is an important part of creating an effective educational environment at KUMC. This year, students continued to improve our campus by advancing interprofessional development, strengthening support for students, and promoting health on campus.

Last fall, KUMC held the second annual Foundations of Interprofessionalism event, which brought students from each school together to gain experience in interdisciplinary patient care. Our Student Governing Council continued providing travel awards, which help students fund travel to present research, network, and bring cutting edge ideas back to KUMC. SGC also supported campus events such as the celebration of Diwali and the KUMC Dance Marathon, which help to establish a collegial environment for students.

In January, the SGC executive board and finance committee initiated a new process that assesses student fees individually rather than as a whole. Through this process, SGC tailored fees to fit the needs of students and the resources that serve them. After approval from KUMC’s first ever student body referendum, SGC augmented its funding to Counseling and Educational Support, which provides services critical to ensuring students’ academic success, well-being, and professional development.

Student Senators also directed projects to promote physical activity and healthy eating on campus. Support from Bookstore funds facilitated the resurfacing of Kirmayer basketball court and the establishment an outdoor athletic field. The Student Services Committee created an intramural task force which implemented changes that increased student participation and satisfaction with intramural sports. SGC also continued to fund Good Grabs organic fruit deliveries, which provide a healthy snack at various locations around campus.

Our students continue to be a driving force in what makes KUMC a great institution for future professionals in healthcare and science. I would like to thank the supportive staff, faculty, administrators, and students who work together diligently to keep our campus moving forward.

Sterling Braun
SGC President 2016-2017
STUDENT SERVICES COMMITTEE

Thank you to all students who completed the annual student survey which reached a 50% on-campus participation rate. SGC continued to provide incentive for completion with gift cards and an iPad mini, which were given away to students who completed the survey. Estafani Rivas, first year medical student, was this year’s grand prize winner.

Ticket distributions were a big hit again this year with many concert, theatre, and sporting event tickets being dispersed. SGC made adjustments to the times of the distributions to allow as many students to attend as possible.

Kirmayer: An intramural task force was organized in order to help Kirmayer meet its goals for making our intramural program similar to those of an undergraduate campus. Through word of mouth and better advertising, participation increased tremendously in intramural sports this year. Also, with an additional $3 added to the Kirmayer fee, starting in the fall, students will have free access to group fitness classes and they will also be adding a fitness on demand system which will allow students to participate in classes (through recorded videos) when it is convenient for them.

Counseling & Educational Support: A group of concerned students reached out to SGC this year as they are wishing to find a way around state budget cuts in order to be provided with career services. Through collaboration of resources and ideas, SGC is looking to assist in any way that we can so that students feel they are prepared to enter into the workforce upon graduating.

Student Life: The Office of Student Life has moved locations as the KUMC Bookstore now occupies the space in G005 Orr Major. The Office of Student Life can now be found next to Calkins Conference Room! Attendance at events sponsored by Student Life soared over 10,000 this year for the first time. We are excited to see what next year brings.

INTERPROFESSIONAL COMMITTEE

The Good Catch Award, honoring students who demonstrate courage to stand up for patient safety, was award to Whitney Davidson (School of Medicine). Whitney was able to recognize a possible diagnosis that was being over looked, and stood up for it despite initially being dismissed. Please be on the lookout for opportunities to nominate yourself and/or peers for next year’s award!

Foundations of Interprofessional Education held two interprofessional learning events. The first was a continuation from last year’s inaugural event and included all second-year students at KUMC, plus pharmacy and social welfare students from Lawrence. SGC’s Interprofessional Committee partnered with the Family Medicine Interest Group to put on an interprofessional weekend for all students. It included a cookout with yard games and prizes, as well as a night at TopGolf. These events brought together students from all programs in a fun and relaxed environment.

Faculty and Staff Appreciation Day successfully honored over 200 faculty members and 60 administrative offices this year by hosting a luncheon and a distribution of gift baskets to offices across campus.

SGC Interprofessional Chair, Jeffery Hyder (left) and Good Catch Award winner, Whitney Davidson (Right).
CAMPUS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Formerly known as the Support Services Committee, SGC has voted to change the name to Campus Management in order to reduce confusion from the Student Services Committee.

Parking: It comes as no surprise that parking remains an area of high contention, as parking spots are limited. However, student input continues to pave a way for progress as administration comes up with solutions to address student concerns. That being said, policies have been revised and students are now allowed to park overnight with a student overnight parking permit. The permit is at no cost to students, but does require students to have their car registered. This overnight parking permit allows students to park a registered vehicle in any color zone and in the Bluff or Olathe I garage using their campus issued badge, M-F 5:00 PM-5:00 AM; Sat-Sun 24 hours/day.

Safety and Security: The school has purchased new crosswalk lights that are set to be put in place in the crosswalk between the library and Wahl Hall East (on 39th Street).

Library: SGC has been working with the library to evaluate the paper waste concerns students have expressed. As a solution, the library has explored options of getting printers with retrieval features that forces students to physically go up to the printer, scan their school badge, and retrieve printed material. The issue was that many printed documents never got picked up, which leads to paper waste. Additionally, these new printers will have the capability to print material wirelessly and straight from your laptop. These changes are coming at the perfect time, as the contract the library has with our previous vendor is set to expire in June, allowing us to contract another.

Landscaping: As part of the Healthy U Initiative, we are incorporating 3’x 6’ mobile beds around campus that will house herbs and vegetables. Keep an eye for them in front of the library and Kirmayer!

In order to improve recycling capabilities on campus, there are new colorful recycling bins set strategically around campus. These new bins differentiate recycling material to cardboard, mixed recycling, trash to the landfill, and paper.

Campus Management Goals: The creation of an athletic field behind Kirmayer is under construction. There are plans to level the field and create an area for social events, outdoor sporting/intramural events, and whatever the mind can imagine.

A lighting survey, which consisted of a few SGC senators, was conducted where they walked around various locations on campus during the night and identified which regions need more lights. A few areas that were identified were the Cambridge Public Parking lot, the sidewalk just west of Kirmayer, and the sidewalk on 39th Street just north of the emergency room entrance. SGC is currently working with Facility Management to come up with solutions.
The SGC Finance Committee oversees an $86,000 budget. The majority of this funding was allocated to Student Organizations ($23,000), SGC Travel Awards ($24,000), ticket distributions ($10,000), and coffee for the machine located near Stoland Lounge ($10,000).

Organizational Funding: Allocation of organizational funding increased by almost 30% ($4,000) since last academic year, largely due to the implementation of The Beat finance module last year and rolling funding deadlines this year. These new systems made it easier for student organizations to apply for and receive funding.

Student Fees: This was the first year in which SGC took a more active approach in evaluating student fees and how they are allocated. The process yielded a more efficient and targeted proposal pinpointing where student fee increases were needed most. Based on our proposal, Counseling and Education Support Services will receive the majority ($25.00) of the student fee increase. SGC felt this increase was appropriate to prevent loss of services offered through this department. The proposed increase was passed with a 60% majority in a student referendum, which was open to a vote to all KUMC students.

Student Travel Awards: Travel Award applications were down slightly from last year (164 vs 147). However, with the increased allocation for Travel Awards in the SGC budget, more students are receiving the award than previous years. Through 4 rounds of awards, 65 applicants have been awarded a total of $24,000. (See table below.)

The SGC Finance Committee will continue to evaluate the organizational funding process and make improvements targeted at making it easier for student groups to apply for SGC funds. We will also continue to work on revising our bylaws, and further refine the process by which we examine student fee usage and potential increase.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>SCHOOL</th>
<th>AWARDED</th>
<th>APPLIED</th>
<th>% AWARDED</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Graduate Studies</td>
<td>26</td>
<td>60</td>
<td>43%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Health Professions</td>
<td>21</td>
<td>50</td>
<td>42%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Medicine</td>
<td>16</td>
<td>34</td>
<td>47%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Nursing</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>67%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>TOTAL</td>
<td>65</td>
<td>147</td>
<td>44%</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>