

Student Affairs and Activities

Counseling and Support Services

The University understands the intense environment and extra stress which graduate and medical students experience. Because we know how important it is for students to be emotionally healthy, KCUMB encourages students to utilize the New Directions program, a free and confidential counseling service available to all students and their families 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

All counseling referrals and sessions are confidential and are not recorded in the student's file. Students wishing to take advantage of this University-paid service may contact the Office of Student Affairs for information, or New Directions directly at <http://www.ndbh.com> or (913) 982-8398.

Student social activities are scheduled to provide KCUMB students and their families opportunities to socialize off campus. The Office of Student Affairs will coordinate the events and obtain group rates when possible. Students are encouraged to suggest additional activities and events to the Office of Student Affairs.

Learning Enhancement and Support Services

The University is aware that academic challenges faced by students are very intense. It is possible that this experience will be the first that will seriously challenge some students. Academic skills, including time management, study skills and test-taking skills, may need to be improved to achieve maximum success. Students seeking assistance in these areas are encouraged to pursue the following University-supported services.

Learning/education specialists are available to offer academic skills workshops in addition to providing individual academic support as needed. It is suggested that students seek this support at the first sign of concern about academic performance abilities. The Office of Learning Enhancement is located on the third floor of Leonard Smith Hall.

The Supplemental Instructor program provides limited tutoring at no cost to COM students. Students are encouraged to request confidential tutoring at the first sign of poor academic performance or learning challenges. Request forms can be completed at the front desk of Leonard Smith Hall.

Student Government Association

Upon enrollment, all KCUMB students become members of the Student Government Association (SGA). The representative governing body of the SGA is the Student Senate. The Student Senate consists of six COM representatives and four officers from each COM class, as well as two representatives of each graduate program. An executive council consisting of the president, vice president, secretary and treasurer presides over the Student Senate. Each class elects representatives and class officers according to the SGA constitution.

An activity fee, paid by each student, finances SGA activities and SGA chartered organizations. The primary function of the SGA is to serve as a liaison between the students, faculty and administration. Student Senate members serve on administration and