



May 29, 2015

Mayor Farmer and the City Commission
City Hall, 6 East 6th St.
Lawrence, KS 66044

Dear Mayor Farmer and City Commissioners:

In the past (2000-2003), the City of Lawrence has approved the University of Kansas/Student Involvement and Leadership Center (SILC) to be the recipient of a \$25,000 grant for the purpose of curbing alcohol consumption on campus. In order to do so, SILC developed "Hawk Nights"; late-night programming targeted for nights which have historically involved excess alcohol consumption by students.

Hawk Nights proved to be an effective method for engaging students in alcohol-free social activities. During the 2001-02 school year, Hawk Nights was named a Top 10 program in the nation by the National Collegiate Alcohol Awareness Week (NCAAW) Committee. Of 532 college applications nationwide, Hawk Nights was selected as one of the Top 10! Additionally, implementing late-night, alcohol-free activities on campus has been recommended as part of a preventative strategy by the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism.

As result of some restructuring, Hawk Nights was moved to a different department who, sadly, failed to continue applying for the grant which resulted in the eventual ending of it. In consultation with my Director, Rueben Perez, it is our strong desire to bring this program back to KU, especially when we're seeing statistics reflecting high alcohol consumption at KU. I am confident that we would be able to identify a solid core of students that would be able to act as a committee, create a student organization on the KU campus, and have all living organizations (Greek Life, Residence Halls, and Scholarship Halls) participate in the planning process.

While I am aware that the deadline for grant applications for the upcoming year has passed, I nevertheless wanted to ask for your consideration. I am confident that if given the award again, we would see the further success of Hawk Nights. I have attached documents attesting to the success of the events put on in the past for your review. Please let me know if you have any questions and thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Aaron Quisenberry". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Aaron Quisenberry
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University of Kansas