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Dear McMaster Kinesiology Students,

The McMaster Kinesiology Society has a long-standing tradition of providing excellent programming which greatly improves student life and experience. As a society representing all undergraduate Kinesiology students at McMaster, we strive to advocate and lobby for the needs of all our students.

This letter has been written to inform Kinesiology students about the status of the McMaster Kinesiology Society this year. We believe that it is important for us to be transparent about the internal happenings of our organization, and as such, this letter will be a summary of events that has lead to the current status of the society. We believe that the students have a right to know about the changes and how they came about.

The McMaster Kinesiology Society has been placed on probation for the 2016-2017 academic year due to violations of the Society from previous years. These violations are with respect to McMaster University Policies, including but not limited to: the Student Event Risk Management Policy. A number of these violations took place during the 2015-2016 academic year and have been inherited by the current Kinesiology Society and student body. With that being said, the McMaster Kinesiology Society must follow said sanctions from the MSU, as well as from McMaster University Student Affairs.

Originally, the sanction included a 2-year probation involving no off-campus events and no events involving alcohol. After negotiations, the probation was reduced to a 1 year-long penalty in which the terms involving off-campus events and events involving alcohol may be open to revision, contingent on the performance of the Society this fall term. These revisions include, but are not limited to, being able to host events off-campus without alcohol and hosting on-campus events with alcohol.

With this in place, events such as our beloved annual Kin Semi would not be deemed possible for this term. Our team recognized that our annual Kin Semi was a staple event for our upper year students, and brought great value to the first year experience. As such, we worked tirelessly to find a way that would allow us to host this event this term despite these sanctions. However promising it may have seemed, despite our best efforts, McMaster University has not granted us approval to run Kin Semi this term. Moving forward, we will continue to strive to bring the best programming we can to our students.

We believe that this year is a great opportunity for the McMaster Kinesiology Society to showcase our efforts in truly working to fulfill our purpose: to promote educational, social and charitable events, with the intention of maintaining an environment that develops cohesiveness, friendship, and pride. In addition, we hope to bring positive change to our Society and bring forth additional structure and organization within the club.

Sincerely,
The McMaster Kinesiology Society 2016-2017