University Community Relations Alliance Agenda  
Wednesday, April 26 from 4:00-5:30 PM  
McNeill Hall, room 1028, UNCW Campus

- Vote on January 2017 minutes - Approved

Alliance Reports

- Stephanie Ganser, Assistant Dean of Students
  a) Completed a walk and talk on College Acres Drive on Friday, April 21. Was joined by Sgt Paluck of the UNCW police department and Officer Morales of WPD. We spoke to all houses that were cited by WPD and all of the residents were home.
  b) UNCW had the off-campus housing fair in March. This fair is where students can look for places to live off-campus. There were over 20 apartment complexes represented. Code Enforcement, Zoning, and WPD attended the event as well. There were almost 200 students in attendance for the 3 hours of the fair which was one of the highest attended spring fairs.
  c) Since the last meeting there have been 30 noised citations which involved UNCW students in District 5 and 6. Out of the 30 noise citations, they were from 17 different properties. As a reminder, the Assistant Dean meets with the students 1 on 1 or send a letter explaining off-campus behavior. This is based on priors or severity of citations. This is also logged in a database where we track behavior.
  d) The Assistant Dean has continued to be the point of contact for Wilmington community members with their concerns or questions.
  e) Corey Boyett has continued to share with me the trashcan violations in District 5. Some of the violators are homeowners and some are renters. The numbers have seemed to go down which is good, which Corey will highlight the trends in her report.
  f) Today is the last day of classes and final exams begin on Friday. Graduation for UNCW students is May 5 and May 6. The four graduation ceremonies are free and open to the public so anyone is welcome to attend. Traffic will be heavier around campus on those days, so we did want to make the group aware if you wanted to avoid the roads surrounding campus on those days.
  g) Once the spring semester wraps up, UNCW will switch into orientation mode. We will welcome freshmen and transfer students in May, June, and August for orientations.

- Lieutenant Louis Denoia, UNCW Police Department
  a) Bike larceny down from last year same quarter same time
  b) Will hire another guard to increase coverage in residential areas
  c) Alcohol violations down from last quarter and from average
  d) Drug violations up from last quarter and from average

- Andrea Weaver, Office of University Relations
a) UNCW this semester has focused on increasing awareness for fac/staff/students on what to do in active shooter situation
b) Lt Denoia – UP has received requests for additional trainings

- Lieutenant Mat Ingram, Wilmington Police Department
  a) For first quarter, crime down compared to last year in area surrounding UNCW (murder, rape, robbery, burglary, etc.)
  b) Still meeting regularly with UP to connect on crimes on and off campus
  c) Walk and talk completed and was successful
  d) Housing fair used as recruiting and outreach opportunity
  e) Commencement, PGA tour, One Tree Hill reunion, and prom all happening first weekend in May
  f) Noise permits issued by city, can be revoked by officers – officers will first connect with them on changes they should make and should they fail to do so, permit will be revoked

- Corey Boyett, Solid Waste, City of Wilmington
  a) This week, issued 51 notices, 10 final notices, 0 civil citations
  b) Trash dispute at Nash and Hillsdale regarding trash cans – has been resolved
  c) Reminders on trash sent out in February by Stephanie
  d) Spoke to 90 students at Housing Fair

- Joe Garnett, Code Enforcement, City of Wilmington
  a) Christopher will take over and respond to parking violations, Rhonda will take over other nuisances
  b) 2 additional officers so they can concentrate on parking violations and address other nuisances
  c) 23 complaints or surveillances
  d) 15 notices sent to homeowners and occupants for parking violations – 8 were invalid complaints, 2 voluntary compliances, 5 active cases
  e) 64 notices sent to homeowners and tenants regarding nuisances
  f) Parking proposal – reducing time period from 30 days to 15 days for parking violations (cannot be more than 5 vehicles in front yard, if issue continues after 16 days then a citation will be issued)
  g) During move out, often trash along roadways – will be aggressive on tracking that

- Neal Shulman, Dixon Acres
  a) On Saturday, faxes sent out – 1 to governor’s office (see what was handed out).
  Received 3 phone calls back from governor’s office. Did a survey and spoke with over 314 students. They don’t know any rules, don’t think they should be held accountable. Was also supposed to have been sent to Margaret Spellings and BOT and Chancellor. Same problems have been happening for years, university doesn’t care, tired of tapdancing by university. Gave UNCW the opportunity to formulate survey questions with him, but they didn’t. Time that this group does something in a realistic way or else they are just wasting state and city money. Was told by the governor’s office that if the university wasn’t helping then he needs to contact the city to file a writ of mandamus. Then if there is another party, the city will be in contempt of court and mayor will go to
jail. Chancellor told us months ago that things would change, but university refuses to do anything.
Response by Joe – not in interest of fairness to demand that students know all violations and codes.
Neal – student could only come up with 2 rules after questioned for 5 minutes – don’t drink and drive and watch where you park.
Sandra – had a robber near her and students are high and doing drugs. Students need to be suspended, they’re not afraid.
Neal – watched a pick up truck hit a speed radar trailer, student adjusted the trailer, and left, they never called it into police, which is a hit and run. Student threw something on his property and left a lanyard with his key and Lowe’s foods customer card – he will get a discovery motion and then take the student to court.
Sheila – what do you want us to take away from the survey?
Neal – students have no idea
Sheila – what do you think is the responsibility of landlords?
Neal – landlords should be fined $1,000 per student if they have more than 3 students. Landlords should evict students if they have one violation. He threw out kids in the past that worked for the city for violations.
Dr. Walker – need to note the collaboration and cooperation that has occurred between different entities, UNCW, city, and Code Enforcement. The university does take action and we do bring students in to talk to them. There have been students suspended for things off campus. Part of Code of Student Life regarding off-campus students is to emphasize the responsibility of students off campus. All students, both on and off campus are held accountable by the whole Code of Student Life.
Neal – students do not remember hearing anything about rules
Lt. Denoia – even though students say they do not know the rules, they still have rules told to them and they are expressed over and over again throughout their time here at UNCW. Neal is saying that we are not telling students these things, but we are. We cannot control the actions students take after they have been informed.
Amy? – have sworn in 2 new code enforcement officers in March, need to have time to see if it is effective
Neal – code enforcement is not the problem, police are the problem. Police need more officers to do their job. Students are building skateboard ramps on their properties and partying. University needs to say if you get in trouble off campus then you are now in trouble on campus.
Ocean – The problem students are not respectful and don’t feel like they have to be respectful to people in the neighborhood. When we pulled up to park, we parked in handicapped parking and students parked in handicapped parking next to us and looked at us tauntingly. A girl asked a boy whether they should park there because they might get in trouble and he told them they were fine there. When students are blatantly ugly and disrespectful, what do we do about that? Obviously a huge drug and alcohol problem and respect problem.
Jennie – we can’t legislate good behavior
Ocean – it seems there is no punishment, no idea in a student’s head that there are repercussions for their actions for breaking the law
Dr. Walker – numerous examples throughout the year in which we talk to students. Ex. Community standards presentation to students in which they talk about being good neighbors both on and off campus, safety, etc. Every new student hears the university expectations loud and clear.
Neal – 10% of crime in the student is committed by students
Joe – Code Enforcement participates in community events. Students came by for earth day and students did know about some of the codes or had friends with violations. University also puts the information out there and is making efforts to ensure that students are held to that standard.
Sandra – reminded students that they were not allowed to hold fraternity parties there, student told her that his parents were a lawyer, and ignored the laws. Student had a goat in their backyard
Joe – we addressed that
Sandra – yes, you did
Neal – gave a list of addresses to Code Enforcement, but didn’t send list to deputy city manager because he wanted to see what would happen

**Public Comment**

- Ocean - Students renting a house and more than allowed students present, what should they do?
  Answer (Joe) – if it is a violation (more than 3 unrelated persons living there), code enforcement will enforce the code if you call them (341-3266)
- Sandra – why are FSL students present at this meeting when it should only be for homeowners?
  Answer (Jennie) – we want students to be present so they can take the information back and share with other students
- Sandra – Daughter and her have been under extreme stress because of students, have seen drug dop-offs and pot-smoking – police have done a great job at addressing problems. At a party one night, boy and girl outside told her daughter to “go back in the house bitch, we own this street.” Students feel like they own everything. This is UNCW’s problem, not her’s. UNCW should start suspending students. Students not afraid of Dean of Students or of police, not afraid of getting kicked out of school – UNCW must suspend them to show them that this will happen. UNCW has been working on these problems, but there will be new students and they feel entitled and this has been ongoing for years – 10, 20, 30 years. Don’t feel safe in own home, daughter comes to stay a lot and they don’t need this.
- Bill (Carleton Place) – after hearing everything here, I must live in heaven. We are privately owned and private police addresses problems. If someone gets a citation, owner has to pay for it. If a car is parked illegally, it is towed. Owners need to be the ones charged, if they are the ones losing money then something will change.
  Jennie – That is great to hear as we did spend many years addressing problems in Carleton Place.