GENESEO
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Geneseo Village-College Relations Compact

One of the principal determinants of the quality of the SUNY Geneseo student experience and the quality of life of the residents of the Village of Geneseo is the quality of the relationship that exists between the College and the Village. In January 2012, the Village of Geneseo and SUNY Geneseo convened a Task Force to examine areas of mutual concern and to draft a statement of mutual responsibilities, with the intention of strengthening what are already strong town-gown relations. In March, 2016 the Village and the College reviewed the Compact to insure it continued to represent this intention.

Both the Village Mayor Richard Hatheway and the College President Denise Battles endorse this revised Village-College Relations Compact as a statement of their cooperation and commitment to a high quality of life for all who live, work, and study in the Village of Geneseo. This Compact is an effort to address issues related to issues of information sharing, off-campus housing, and policy enforcement.

SHARING INFORMATION

The College and Village agree to mutually share information - to the extent permitted by law - pertaining to SUNY Geneseo students in a timely manner:

- The College and Village Police Departments will mutually share information, to the extent possible, about where and how underage students are procuring alcoholic beverages, and where and how students are procuring illegal substances.

- The University Police Department will routinely share with the Village Police Department crime and crime prevention advisories sent to the Geneseo campus community by the University Police Department.

- The Village will strive to share with the College, in advance of dissemination to the media, Village-generated press releases, statements and reports related to student, faculty, and staff activity in the community that may have a notable impact on the College.

- The College, through the Dean of Students, will share with the Village the Student Conduct and Community Standards Log upon conclusion of each academic semester.

- The Village Police Department will share with the College a copy of its Police Department Annual Report each year.

- The College and Village will continue to monitor the number of calls for Village ambulance service to ensure that the needs of both the campus and community continue to be adequately met.

- The College and Village will mutually share feedback received from faculty, staff, students, and Village residents related to Village and College climate and off-campus relations for both students and residents.

OFF –CAMPUS HOUSING

• The College will require students living off campus to provide complete and accurate contact information, including local address, phone numbers and emergency contact information.

• The Village will provide property owner and property manager information, for students residing off-campus, upon request of the College.

• The Village will continue its active village-wide enforcement of all housing and code complaints and infractions, and inform the College of complaints and infractions pertaining to SUNY Geneseo student involvement.

• The College will provide resources for local property owners and/or property managers related to campus/community expectations and actions the College will take to address student conduct issues.

• The College will provide resources for student tenants on tenant rights and responsibilities.

POLICY ENFORCEMENT

• The College will communicate to all students and parents the expected standards of conduct of a Geneseo student, both on and off campus. Violations of the SUNY Geneseo Code of Conduct and local laws may be adjudicated by either the College, the Village, or both.

• Upon request by the College's Police Chief or designee, the Geneseo Court Clerk will provide information on incidents and cases involving Geneseo students, or refer the Chief to the Livingston County District Attorney's office.

• Upon request by the Village Police Chief or designee, the College will provide information related to incidents and cases involving Geneseo students as allowed by law. Because federal law limits disclosure of any part of a student's educational record, information requests pertaining to a student's educational record require a Freedom of Information Law request.

The Geneseo Village-College Relations Compact will be posted on College and Village websites, along with information and resources specifically for community residents, including key telephone numbers at the College and the Village, contact names for complaints and emergencies; and other timely messages that may affect the local community.

We hereby commit the College and the Village to this Compact and to the continued mutual cooperation and support that have characterized the relationship between the College and the Village for the length of our association with each other, on this date, May 26, 2016.

Denise A. Battles
President
SUNY Geneseo

Richard Hatheway
Mayor
Village of Geneseo