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MEDIA ADVISORY

Input On Student Behavior Code To Be Gathered During Forum At UWM Today

A committee looking into whether the University of Wisconsin System should expand its student conduct code to include off-campus misconduct will hear testimony during a public forum today at UW-Milwaukee.

Ald. Michael S. D'Amato, whose 3rd Aldermanic District includes UWM and the surrounding neighborhood, said he believes UW System needs to include off-campus misconduct in its disciplinary code as a deterrent to escalating incidents of assaults, vandalism, profanity, battery, noise violations, public drinking and other issues. "It's important for residents and businesses affected by regular, negative off-campus student behavior to attend today's forum and share their stories," he said.

Last year 400 of the 500 noise nuisance violations in the 3rd District were issued to UWM students, Ald. D'Amato said. "Clearly, tickets from police for noise violations and underage drinking aren't dissuading students from doing these things, and I believe the university's threat of sanctions such as expulsion is a critical card that we need on the table," he said.

The UW System committee will also be gathering comments online until May 21. Comments can be made by going to www.wisconsin.edu/admincode/

WHAT: Public Forum at UWM
WHEN: 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Monday, May 7
WHERE: UWM Union's Wisconsin Room, 2200 E. Kenwood