



## **LGBTQIA2S+ Support & Services (2022)**

### **Summary**

The LGBTQIA2S+ Student Support portion of the ASUW Fall Issues Survey received feedback from almost 1,300 students. Feedback on this portion of the survey was limited to students and was not available to staff or faculty. We acknowledge this feedback is limited, but are confident it is a representation of student concerns.

On the whole, the survey results provided productive feedback regarding campus climate and safety, access to counseling, name change processes, staff and faculty trainings, reporting structures, support for Trans students, and legislative concerns. The overarching theme of the open-ended feedback was that the existing resources on campus like Multicultural Affairs, Queer Community Coalition, and United Multicultural Council are doing great work, but there needs to be increased support in other areas of campus, as well as increased awareness of said resources.

### **Students/Participants**

Out of the 1,290 students who participated in this section of the survey, 20.50% of students reported that they identify within the LGBTQIA2S+ community. Of the students who identify with that community, 39.13% of them expressed that they believe the University of Wyoming is doing enough to support LGBTQIA2S+ students, with the other 60.87% of participants choosing the “No” or “Unsure” options. Fortunately, 87.02% of LGBTQIA2S+ students said that they were aware of on-campus resources like Multicultural Affairs, Rainbow Resource Center, and Queer Community Coalition. 11.54% of respondents identified as transgender, with 45.83% expressing awareness of resources like the ASUW Name Change Fund.

### **Survey Results**

Do you identify within the LGBTQIA2S+ community?		
Field	Choice Count	
Yes	20.50%	<b>219</b>
No	80.16%	1,034
Prefer not to say	2.87%	37

*Follow through questions with the 219 who selected “yes” for the previous question.*

Do you believe the University of Wyoming is doing enough to support LBGTQIA2S+ Students?		
Field	Choice Count	
Yes	39.13%	18
No	27.05%	56
Unsure	33.82%	70

Are you aware of on-campus student interest groups for queer students? (Queer Community Coalition, Multicultural Affairs student circles, Rainbow resource center etc.)		
Field	Choice Count	
Yes	87.02%	181
No	12.98%	27

Do you identify as transgender?		
Field	Choice Count	
Yes	11.54%	<b>24</b>
No	86.96%	179
Prefer not to say	2.40%	5

*Follow through question with the 24 who selected “yes” for the previous question.*

Are you aware of resources that are provided to students, like the ASUW name-change fund that completely pays for the costs of changing your name and also provides legal assistance?		
Field	Choice Count	
Yes	45.83%	11
No	54.17%	13

**Select Open Comments (specific comments are pulled, all others available upon request)**

“I’m not sure how to answer because I, at 26, still don’t feel 100% safe on campus.”

“Resources, probably through increasing access to counseling, students coming out in college might need support.”

“More social events or ways to get involved.”

“Your Gender and sexuality programs coordinator is phenomenal and I really appreciate what they've done and the way UW is growing. You could NOT HAVE A CHICK FIL A. but ya'll already know why.”

“The university has an image problem, particularly with DEI issues. Students are working so hard to pick up the slack of staff and upper admin. If UW truly cared about students, they would do more to prove that LGBTQIA+ students are welcome here.”

“Substantial representation”

“Provide more gender studies classes”

“Do more than the bare minimum”

“More all-gender bathrooms, allow for changing of names in canvas (that actually work)”

“Less events and news. I am a normal person and do not want to feel like I deserve attention because of who I am. I want to be seen as normal”

“Create a tutorial for changing student names, acknowledge and participate in pride fest, acknowledge that we have queer students, celebrate queer students, reprimand hate crimes, hang pride flags, create spaces for pronoun use, talk about Matthew Shepard more.”

“Make it easier to change name, gender, and sex for trans and non-binary students in the school systems”

“Host more events! The drag brunch was great, more things like that would be fun”

“More counseling resources and more diligence to everyday aggressions against the community”

“I know that we are getting more gender neutral bathrooms, but I’d also like to see more education for staff on how to be more inclusive”

“Support and advertise the offerings of the rainbow resource center and other events.”

“Be more strict on professors that make anti LGBTQ+ comments”

“Multicultural Affairs and Rainbow Resource Center are doing a great job of supporting the LGBTQIA2S+ community on campus, but the university as a whole does not seem to have the same level of dedication to that. As a start, they should stop inviting known homophobes/transphobes to speak at graduation.”

“Share more resources that may help with unsafe/unsupportive conditions for LGBTQIA2S+ students who want to stay anonymous.”

“I like the multicultural affairs outreach and advertisements. Continued events and recognition is what is needed to succeed.”

“Y’all seem to have a lot of events and pride flags all over the place so I feel so much more supported here than at my previous institution.”

“Push back against SF #51 and related legislation more forcefully. Have better Title IX and investigative processes.”

“I think there’s a lot of representation and outreach for those in the LGBTQIA2S+ community.”

“Access to more scholarship opportunities or resources”

“Placing trans students with other trans students and/or students that match gender expression.”

“Simplify the process for changing name/identifiers in the university system”

“Develop more support groups especially for trans students”

“I would like to see more accessible information shared with the student body at large about queer resources and information so our students might understand different identities more. However I overall think UW is actually shockingly good at supporting its queer students. My pronouns are respected by my classmates, professors, and supervisors, I have never experienced harrasment, and feel QCC and UMC have extremely high visibility and success in running events and reaching students.”

“I really don't know - I don't feel like my part in the community is super visible to others or super fundamental to my collegiate experience so I don't really engage with the activities and spaces created for the LGBT+ community. Could I? Absolutely. It's just not a priority for me. Because I don't engage with theses spaces, I can't talk about how effectively these spaces do their job.”

“I think they are doing a good job, and I really like the efforts that Multicultural affairs and other clubs are making.”

“I dont really know if LGBT safe spot on campus, on top of there's no areas / spaces just for LGBT students to meet other LGBT students (If there is it is not marketed enough)”

“Properly recognize LGBTQIA2S+ students on campus as well as memorials for former LGBTQIA2S+.”

“Not invite homophobic and transphobic speakers to any events and prevent university funded clubs and orgs from spreading or even engaging in any homophobic content.”

“Actual acknowledgment from the University particularly about upcoming legislative issues that impact students and the Gender Studies department. More of an effort to have professors use inclusive language and include pronouns in introductions would also be nice.”

“More advertising/outreach regarding medical services available to students, including STI testing and PREP”

“Stop deadnaming students through all official communications. Allow me to actually use my real name, update my email, not be called on by my deadname, etc.”

“Do more to promote awareness for trans students. Bathrooms should be inclusive, and support of pride-related events should be more openly advertised. Further, promotion of openly anti-LGBTQIA2S groups (i.e., opening a Chick-Fil-A, allowing Turning Point and other religious organizations to advertise on campus) creates an environment that isolates this community and makes us feel that we are no longer wanted or accepted on campus.”

“More spaces for queer graduate students”

“In the halls, RA's don't receive proper training on how to create a safe space for those in this community.”

“There needs to be less tolerance for bigotry on campus, and they need to make it an easier process for trans\* students to change their names with UW accounts (libraries, Half Acre, etc.)”

“Not invite transphobic commencement speakers, provide better training for faculty and staff in regards to asking for pronouns and respecting identities and maintaining safe places fire discussion in classrooms, have higher admin attend some LGBTQIA+ events to get to know students and their issues”

“More events, more emphasis on no bigotry or homophobia in general tolerated on campus.”

“I am unsure, I knew about many of the LGBT related rescours3s because I have been visiting UW from a young age but for those who are unfamiliar with th university they may struggle to find the resources they need.’

“Maybe some more advocacy for acceptance and LGBTQ+ clubs”

“Make more restrooms across campus gender-neutral.”

“We do not address our history with violence enough! There needs to be more to remember Matt Sheppard than just a bench. I think queer students still need a better place in the community at large rather than just the University. More events for queer students should take place off campus and not just for UW students (if possible). Older queer students feel awkward about participating since marketing seems to mostly target traditional-aged undergrads.”

“Do more to combat offhand comments and provide more opportunities for education.”

“Do more to acknowledge Matthew Shepard and deter homophobia.”

“Acknowledge Matt Shepherd. Advocate for hate crime legislation.”

“I have not experienced discrimination. But I also haven’t actively involved myself in the community. I will say that when the UW Instagram posted about pride month or other pride related posts, the comments are always turned on and all comments are kept. Even when people are calling people who identify as such “trash”.

“More gender neutral bathroom in every building”

“I think the RSOs are doing a great job of supporting the LGBTQ+ community, but it would be nice to see more University support that isn't funneled through students for students.”

“Professors asking for pronouns and introducing themselves with theirs.”

“Statements of support and action during challenging legislative years”

“Make them do diversity training including religions, races, sexual orientations, etc. If there’s an hour long alcohol and drug program, you can do a diversity one too.”

