



UW Campus Chick-Fil-A (2022)

Summary

The Chick-Fil-A portion of the ASUW Fall Issues Survey opened on Wednesday, September 7th and has received feedback from over 1,136 students. We acknowledge this feedback is limited, but are confident it is a representation of student concerns across campus.

On the whole, the majority of students (85.66%) “support” Chick-Fil-A coming to campus in the Student Union with nearly one-fifth of students either not supporting (11.02%) or “unsure” (3.32%). In addition to this quantitative data, there were numerous student comments regarding the impressions of Chick-Fil-A coming to the student union in terms of lessening a welcoming campus environment.

At this time, ASUW acknowledges the overwhelming support of Chick-Fil-A on campus, but urges the Board of Trustees and the UW Administration to consider the impact bringing this business could pose to our campus community and values as well as our student LGBTQIA+ population.

On our campus in recent past months, there have been a number of situations in which UW’s support of the LGBTQIA+ community was brought into question and bringing Chick-Fil-A onto campus would only cause further harm in efforts made to build an inclusive environment.

Additionally, there have not been any known efforts to survey or outreach specifically to LGBTQIA+ community members about the prospect of Chick-Fil-A on campus. Avenues such as Multicultural Affairs, Student Organizations (Queer Community Coalition), and connections within the Office of Diversity and Inclusion (ODEI) could be lines of communication to further engage with these populations.

ASUW is open to additional conversation on this item or to connect Trustees or UW Administrators to students who may be impacted by this decision.

Survey Results

Would you support Chick-Fil-A coming to campus?			
#	Field	Choice Count	
1	Yes	85.66%	956
2	No	11.02%	123
3	Unsure	3.32%	37
			1,116

Select Open Comments

(only LGBTQIA+ comments are pulled, all others available upon request)

“I don't support chick-fil-a because of their views on the LGBTQ community, would be odd to have them in the same building as multicultural affairs.”

“This restaurant is openly homophobic and this would be a huge disservice to all of your students of the LGBTQIA2S community. It's an insult that you asked about wanting to improve relations with this community and then want this homophobic establishment to be set up on this campus.”

“Chick-Fil-A?? Are you actually kidding me. And here I really thought UW couldn't get worse about queer rights. Pathetic.”

“Bringing Chick-Fil-A onto our campus but be a wildly irresponsible decision. Considering Laramie's (and Wyoming as a whole) history with bigotry towards the LGBTQ+ community, it would seem like a slap in the face to the queer community. Matthew Shepard was not murdered in this town, and Shepard's Symposium does not host events every single year in his memory, for our campus to bring a known anti-LGBTQ business here. The football catering is simply enough.”

“I think most students will appreciate it. However, Chick-Fil-A has some history with supporting anti-LGBTQ organizations. The university needs to communicate to the students that Chick Fil A has stopped donating to such organization.”

“We shouldn't be supporting businesses that support anti-LGBTQIA+ politicians. Putting a chick-fil-a on campus could be seen as a slap in the face to many of our students.”

“I have no interest in a company which has both vocally and fiscally supported causes that are injurious to members of the campus community.”

“Support the local community. Maybe have a less politically and religiously affiliated option. It's more difficult but more rewarding if you don't take the easy way out.”

“I don't believe Chick-fil-a promotes a message that the University of Wyoming should be broadcasting; there are restaurants/businesses out there that are just as good and that better align with the values of the UW community.”

“Do not bring Chick-Fil-A onto campus. The company has shown continuous disregard and actively harmful intentions to people who its heads do not like. Bringing Chick-Fil-A onto campus would strongly negate the sense of support for LGBTQ+ students on campus.”

“Chick-Fil-A and companies like it have no place at UW. There are plenty of chicken restaurants that serve great food that doesn't fund conversion therapy, the ban on abortion, and legislature against LGBTQIA2S+ people.”

“I do not think UW aligns with the policies of Chick-Fil-A and should not bring them to campus.”

“I feel like bringing chick fil à to campus would be a direct insult to LGBT students on campus who already attend school in an extremely anti-LGBT state.”

“We could be doing more to support local businesses and we shouldn’t be funding a business that has a history and continued presence in involvement in anti-trans bills.”

“I wouldn't support Chick-Fil-A due to their ongoing stance of funding anti-LGBTQ+ groups and legislation. I would support other chains or perhaps local restaurants coming to campus instead.”

“Given the initial questions regarding UW's support for its LGBTQIA community, I believe it is irresponsible and harmful for the institution to contract Chick-Fil-A, a corporation that openly supports & funds anti-LGBTQIA+ political figures and agendas. I would suggest that UW seeks out better options for other restaurants to come to campus.”

“No sure why you would have a restaurant that has been affiliated with anti lgbqia into an area that promotes acceptance of lgbtqia.”

“Chick-Fil-A is a problematic organization that funds homophobia. This would be sending a message to queer students that they are not valued on campus. Although other restaurant options on campus would be welcomed.”

“You think bringing an anti-LGBTQ group to campus is a good idea? You're already failing these students as it is; the only way in which I would support Chick-Fil-A coming to campus is if they made donations to LGBTQ support organizations (e.g., the Trevor project; I'll go With You Campaign) equal to all the donations they have already made to anti-LGBTQ organizations.”

“Other food options would be great. Something healthy and more sustainable. Chick-fil-a sends a very mixed message to LGBTQIA+ students that is making the job of LGBTQIA+ resources (Multicultural Affairs, UCC) are trying to promote. It would be just as profitable and less controversial to bring literally ANYONE else. May I recommend a chipotle or something?”

“Chick fil a is a homophobic chain that we should not support as a campus trying to improve diversity.”

“I think a different restaurant is welcome on campus, but given the controversy with Chick-Fil-A and the LGBTQ+ community, I think members of the LGBTQ+ community from our campus deserve to be heard about if they would welcome a Chick-Fil-A on campus.”

“Chick-Fil-A is unapologetically anti-LGBTQIA+. UW & ASUW will be sending a powerful message if Chick-Fil-A is given a lease here - a message that will resoundingly echo an anti-LTGBTQIA+ message of hate and discrimination. I urge ASUW to abort any further consideration of this plan.”

“Chick-Fil-A supports homophobic charities. That is the last thing we need on campus in a state that already constantly invalidates queer identities. I would be in favor of any morally neutral restaurant coming to campus, especially if it were a local business rather than a chain restaurant.”

“Maybe something that doesn't use peanut oil, which is a common allergen. Chick-Fil-A uses peanut oil for their chicken and I cannot come in contact with it, so it will make eating in the union more stressful.”

“Why bring a company that is not inclusive for everyone right to the center of our campus?”

“I do NOT. At all. Stand by Chick-Fil-A's views. Not even just regarding the LBGTQ community--they donate to conservative organizations that stand to dismantle human rights and higher education. I do not believe they are appropriate to have on campus, though I recognize that other restaurant chains are likely equally evil. Is a local place (Chachos?) a possibility to come to campus?”

“Chick-Fil-A is very anti lgbtq and anti anyone non religious so I don't support the business.”

“Chick-Fil-A has good food but I do not support such a religious organization and their very right wing stance.”

“Bringing a Chick-Fil-A to campus would send the message to students like me that we aren't welcome here. The money students spend there on our campus would go back to CFA, who can and will give that money to homophobic efforts, including conversion therapy. It is a terrible idea.”

“Chick-fil-A's continued anti-LGBTQ+ corporate stance and donations to hate groups and conversion camps should be disqualifying for being added to campus. No fried chicken is worth having a permanent symbol of LGBTQ+ hate on the campus that is infamous for Matthew Shepard.”

“Not sure that bringing Chick-Fil-A to campus sends the best message to our LGBTQ+ community about supporting them and their rights, since chick-fil-a owners have made some anti LGBTQ+ statements and donations to anti LGBTQ+ organizations. Culvers has a similar range and quality of food choices, and has good values, so I would recommend looking into bringing in a Culver's or other restaurant that does not have these uninclusive implications.”

“Don't get an organization that actively harms to LGBTQIA+ community and say y'all care about the LGBTQIA+ community. Get a Cane's or something better.”

“Chick-fil-a is actively very homophobic and considering you were just asking how I as a queer student felt supported on campus this would make me feel even less supported.”

“I've not understood for a long time why we don't have a Chick-Fil-A. I would absolutely support them and know our UW campus would too.”

“We should not support a company who is so strongly against the queer community. It would be bad for the people of that community and a bad look for the university.”

“I think having a Chick-Fil-A on campus would send a wrong message to LGBTQ+ students that the university "cares" about LGBT people but doesn't care enough to have a known business that actively donates to anti-LGBT organizations and politicians.”

“It's homophobic chicken but would also boost our local economy.”

“The university has no business bringing and incredibly outwardly and popularly homophobic business on to campus. Supporting queer students and not othering them is far more important than waffle fries. A different restaurant would be sick though.”

Chick-Fil-A at UW's Close and Stretch Peers

Peers	<u>YES</u> Chick-Fil-A On Campus	<u>NO</u> Chick-Fil-A On Campus
Close Peers		
University of Idaho	x	
University of Nevada-Reno		x
New Mexico State University	x	
University of Rhode Island		x
Utah State University		x
University of Maine		x
Oklahoma State University	x	
Montana State University	x	
South Dakota State University	x	
The University of Montana		x
North Dakota State University		x
Stretch Peers		
Kansas State University	x	
University of Nebraska-Lincoln	x	
West Virginia University	x	
Colorado State University		x
Clemson University	x	
Texas Tech University	x (x2)	
University of New Mexico	x	
Washington State University		x
University of Utah		x