

## **GREEK CLIMATE SURVEY RESULTS SUMMARY**

Fall 2007

The Office of Residence Life/Greek Affairs tries to gauge the climate surrounding LGB issues within the Greek community each year. To do so, Greek Affairs included a section of questions in the annual Greek Residential Satisfaction Survey that were directly related to such issues. On-campus fraternity and sorority residents reported their views to provide Greek Affairs with a better understanding of how students believe, stand, and perceive issues concerning homophobia, support of and for LGB chapter members, and their interest in programming. These results will be taken into consideration when developing further LGB initiatives for the Greek community.

When asked how supportive their chapters would be of potential new members who identify as LGB and considering joining their chapters residents responded:

- Not Supportive – 5.6%
- Somewhat Supportive – 23.6%
- Supportive – 50%
- Very Supportive – 20.9%

When asked how supportive their chapters would be of current members coming out while a member in their chapters residents responded:

- Not Supportive – 4.1%
- Somewhat Supportive – 13.5%
- Supportive – 58.1%
- Very Supportive – 24.3%

When asked how supportive they feel the BGSU Greek community is in accepting and welcoming LGB students residents responded:

- Not Supportive – 12.2%
- Somewhat Supportive – 50.7%
- Supportive – 27%
- Very Supportive – 10.1%

When asked how comfortable would they be in coming out in their chapters residents responded:

- Not Comfortable – 15.8%
- Somewhat Comfortable – 24%
- Comfortable – 39%
- Very Comfortable – 21.2%

When asked do they wish there was programming for LGB members in the Greek community residents responded:

- Yes – 43.4%
- No – 56.6%

When asked would they be interested in participating in a Greek-specific Ally program residents responded:

- Yes – 34.2%
- No – 65.8%

Although the majority of residents responded that their chapters would be at least somewhat supportive of LGB members coming out in their chapters, a higher percentage answered that they would not be comfortable coming out than answered their chapters would not be supportive. This may lend that chapters are not as supportive as respondents are reporting, or it may also be related to residents' higher perception of the Greek community overall not being as supportive as their chapters. Also from the high response rate of students not wanting and/or not wanting to participate in Greek-specific Ally programming provides evidence that the students are unaware of the need for LGB support in the Greek community.

Because of this lack of awareness, Greek Affairs plans and is currently in the process of providing all staff and Greek student leaders (e.g. council executive leadership, student boards, and teams) with Ally training, provided by the Center for Multicultural and Academic Initiatives' LGBTQA-Q Resource Center. From these efforts, we hope that chapters will also request similar training for their members to begin creating a more welcoming and inclusive Greek community.

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