

Campus Climate and Ally Building
2011-2012 Academic Year



Increasing visibility and cultural understanding of diverse LGBTQ communities is one of the ways in which the GSC creates a more inclusive campus climate for all. The primary method for achieving this goal is through the celebrated Safe Zone program, an interactive educational training that creates and supports allies for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer and questioning communities.

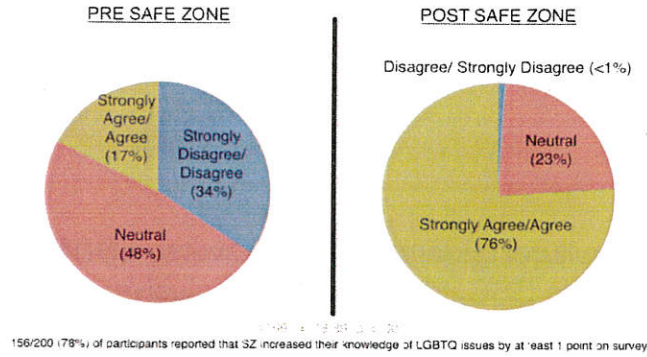
The GSC conducted 33 trainings for approximately 241 students, faculty and staff on campus and 456 people off campus for a total of 697 participants. Some campus trainings were open to the entire campus community while others were hosted by specific units such as the Office of Study Abroad, the Counseling Center, the Residence Life staff within Campus Housing, a Latino fraternity, all UIC Orientation leaders, and the staff members of the Honors College, UIC College of Pharmacy, UIC College of Dentistry, UIC Campus Housing, UI-Peoria, and UI-Rockford Medicine. Off campus partners included Oakton Community College, Northeastern Illinois University, Erikson Institute, and St. Xavier University.

Pre-and Post surveys gauge the impact of the Safe Zone training on participants' knowledge of concepts and terminology related to LGBTQ issues, participants' understanding of the impact of stereotypes and homophobia, and their willingness and comfort in being a resource as needed. A sampling of 201 pre- and post-surveys collected during on campus trainings revealed that 78% of participants increased their knowledge, 69% of participants increased their understanding, and 57.5% of participants increased in their ability to provide personal support (see charts).

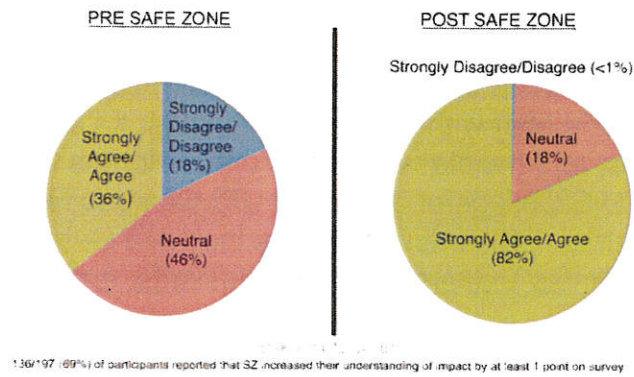
While the GSC does not charge units within the University of Illinois system for this service, we do collect fees from other institutions. This year a total of \$4,610 in revenue was generated from off-campus trainings.

Safe Zone Evaluation Results

Knowledge of Terminology, Identities, & Issues



Understanding Impact of Stereotypes & Being an Ally



Comfort Being an Ally (Personal Support)

