

# 2016 LGBTQ Roundtable Discussion **Evaluation Results**



Hosted by Academic Senate & Student Life Office. Funded by Associated Students

The LGBTQ Roundtable Discussion was a three hour event where faculty, staff, and student voices collaborated to address the needs of LGBTQ+ students on campus. Associate Student announced their support in addressing LGBTQ inclusivity at Mt. SAC. Keynote and Queer & Trans\* Activist, Lysandro Valenzuela, addressed having the right support for academic success in the college setting. Academic Senate updated the group on campus LGBTQ initiatives. An hour and a half discussion followed addressing key student needs for LGBTQ student support and inclusion at Mt. SAC.

**40** Student, staff, faculty, and administrators attended **31** Surveys were collected

Students were asked to rate the following on a Likert Scale:

**1** Strongly Disagree **2** Disagree **3** Neutral **4** Agree **5** Strongly Agree

And then asked to provide an explanation for their rating:

**Results**

**I developed a greater understanding of LGBTQ student needs at Mt. SAC**

**97%** Agreed or Strongly Agreed  
*"Student voices were vital, challenging, and creative. Was wonderful to have them and their leadership there. There is so much we can do."*

**I developed a better understanding on the LGBTQ initiatives at Mt. SAC**

**94%** Agreed or Strongly Agreed  
*"Because we have different initiatives on different levels (faculty, students, staff) this event helped bring our ideas together."*

**I am satisfied with the progress with services for LGBTQ students at Mt. SAC**

**65%** Did not agree with this statement

*"I am disappointed at the slow pace of support for LGBTQIPA students, but I am hopeful"*  
*"There is simply not enough"*

*"We need FASTER change, more funding, more support, more involvement-Change is too slow"*

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### My LGBTQ relationship with Mt. SAC

#### Faculty Professionalism

*"I honestly haven't had a bad experience with faculty, however, I still don't feel comfortable talking about my Gay identity."*

#### Identifying allies

*"I wish there was more visibility of LGBTQ awareness. Ally or rainbow stickers on nametags or class syllabus"*

#### Lack of resources

*"I wish there were counselors on campus that specialized on LGBTQ issues or identified at LGBTQ"*

### Things That make me feel safe as an LGBTQ student at Mt. SAC

- Having a center
- LGBTQ training for all
- Increased visibility and awareness
- Increased LGBTQ programming
- Gender-neutral restrooms
- MtSAC.edu resources

### Important Resources in an LGBTQ+ Center:

- Health and wellness resources for Queer and Trans\* students
- Legal resources for LGBTQ students
- Physical library with LGBTQ literature
- Weekly support groups
- Events and programming/ collaborative events with campus departments
- Guest speakers and workshops
- Programming and study space
- Peer and professional mentors
- Staff and resources representing cultural diversity
- On and off campus resource guide

### Additional Comments:

*"I never felt so welcomed before, I am very happy to have been invited"*  
*"Honored that we had the courage as an institution to have this dialogue."*

*"Thank you for tonight, it was an excellent atmosphere for productive and open discussion"*

