Description

On Monday, November 11, at 7:30 p.m. in Northrup Hall 214, Dr. Amy Stone (Sociology & Anthropology) and Mr. Dan Graney (Community Alliance for a United San Antonio) described the recent, contentious, and successful effort to add protections for LGBT persons to the city’s Non-Discrimination Ordinance (NDO). The purpose of the program was to inform students about this historic civil rights event and to inspire them toward activism. The Sexual Diversity Alliance and College Democrats co-sponsored the event. Seven students attended.

Assessment Method

All student attendees were asked to complete a brief paper questionnaire at the conclusion of the program. The attainment of each learning outcome was assessed with a 6-point Likert scale that ranged from 0 (Not at all) to 5 (To a great extent). All attendees completed the questionnaire.

CAS Learning & Development Outcomes

Three CAS LDOs were anticipated to be related to the content of the presentation:

- Greater knowledge about the City Council’s process of approving the expansion of the NDO (CAS Outcome Domain A1: Understanding knowledge from a range of disciplines)
  - The assessment asked, “To what extent did tonight’s program provide you with knowledge about the City Council’s process of approving the expansion of the Non-Discrimination Ordinance?” Six respondents selected 5 and one selected 4 for an average of 4.86.

- Greater knowledge about the role(s) activists played in the process of expanding the NDO (CAS Outcome Domain A1: Understanding knowledge from a range of disciplines)
  - The assessment asked, “To what extent did tonight’s program provide you with knowledge about the role(s) activists played in the process of expanding the Non-Discrimination Ordinance?” Six respondents selected 5 and one selected 4 for an average of 4.8.

- Greater commitment to civic engagement (CAS Outcome Domain E4: Sense of civic responsibility)
  - The assessment asked, “To what extent did tonight’s program inspire you to engage in civic engagement?” Four respondents selected 5, one selected 4, and two selected 3 for an average of 4.29.

Discussion

Unfortunately, attendance was poor, owing in part (I suspect) to the fact the Sexual Diversity Alliance did not communicate with its email list until the day of the event, despite receiving two remembers from me to do so during the preceding week. However, those who attended were attentive, and several students from the College Democrats engaged with Mr. Graney following the presentation about the possibility of future collaboration between CD and CAUSA.