CAMPUS CLIMATE 11/05/2017 L.SIMENSON

Results were released this past week about the Campus Climate survey that a selection of student and university employees took last spring. The survey asked questions that dealt with discrimination and bias in gender, sexual orientation, race, age, job classification, and political views. For more on the story, here’s Lauren Simenson (Sigh-MEN-son).

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LAUREN SIMENSON: THE RESULTS REPORTED THAT OF THE 378 STUDENTS WHO TOOK THE SURVEY, ONLY 14 SAID THEY EXPERENCED DISCRIMINATION OR HARRASSMENT FOR THEIR SEXUAL ORIENTATION. UWRF FRESHMAN, DAMON SWASER SHARES HIS EXPERIENCE ON CAMPUS.

DAMON SWASER: I’VE ONLY HAD GOOD THINGS. MY RA AJUSTED REALLY WELL WHEN I TOLD HER I WAS TRANS.IT’S ALL BEEN GOOD.

LAUREN SIMENSON: FOR PAIGE DELGADO, AN ANIMAL SCIENCE MAJOR FROM ILLINOIS, SHE HAS HAD ONE PROBLEM WITH HER ROMMATE MAKING A COMMENT ABOUT HER RACE.

PAIGE DELGADO: SHE APLOGIZED, SHE DIDN’T REALIZE SHE THAT SHE HAD HURT ME BY SAYING IT AND DIDN’T THINK IT WAS OFFENSIVE.

LAUREN SIMENSON: THE SURVEY ALSO REPORTED THAT FEMALE STUDENTS AND EMPLOYEES ON CAMPUS FELT DISCRIMINATION MORE FREQUNTELY THAN MALES. HERE IS STUDENT ANDREW DAVIES ON DISCIMINATION HE HAS FACED.

ANDREW DAVIES: AS AN INDIVIDUAL NO, AS A MEMBER OF A FRATERNITY YES. AS A FRATERNITY YOU ARE ALWAYS UNDER INVESTIGATION, THEY WATCH YOU SO CLOSE.

LAUREN SIMENSON: THE MAJORITY OF STUDENTS IWHO TOOK THE SURVEY LAST SPRING SAID THAT WERE SATISFIED WITH THE CURRENT CLIMATE OF CAMPUS LIFE. FOR THE FALCON NEWS SERVICE, I’M LAUREN SIMENSON.

Follow-up actions have already been released and focus mainly on the problem of a lack of diversity and a lack of knowledge of cultural competence.

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