FIU Biscayne Bay Staff & Committee

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Where are the usable desks?

Dear, FIU staff and committee,

After two semesters, I have been unable to find a proper left-handed desk within the institution. Every classroom or lecture hall I have attend has not only lacked left-handed desks, but also has failed to supply a proper desk for students who require one. On the FIU website under the Division of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion tab, it states, "FIU remains committed to cultivating an environment of accessibility and equal opportunity, where all are welcomed to learn, earn, and thrive." According to these words, it is the job of the school to provide equal opportunities for all students. But, because of the lack of left-handed desks within the school, it leaves the question of why are there a lack of left-handed desks? Is there not enough demand for them or is it due to the manufacturer who provides them? As a student, I want others to become aware of this problem and figure out how the school could provide proper amounts of desk spaces for left-handed individuals. To answer these questions, I am providing a pamphlet that summarizes the information required to answer such questions. It details and describes the correct accordance of information to highlight the situation at hand. It is also important to highlight statistics as with such information, shows the importance of providing proper desks for left-handed individuals such as me in this case. To summarize, I find that the lack of proper desks for left-handed individuals to be lacking on account of FIU as an institution and violates its policy of providing equal accessibility to its students. This situation seems to have gone unnoticed due to the lack of proper desks, and by highlighting it, it allows me to speak out for others whom by are inflicted by the same issue.

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