The Associated Students of the University of Montana

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Resolution Regarding the use of Left-Handed Desks on the University of Montana Campus

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Whereas, the Associated Students of the University of Montana (ASUM) advocates for the rights and privileges of the students at the University of Montana;

Whereas, According to Scientific American, 15% of people are left-handed;

Whereas, The chirality of desks is detrimental to left-handed students’ education;

Whereas, A limited number of left-handed desks are provided in classrooms for the use and convenience of these students;

Whereas, Left-handed desks are frequently located in the farthest corners of a classroom, making it difficult for a left-handed student to see the board or hear the professor;

Whereas, Right-handed students often sit in these desks for their own use, even though a larger number of right-handed desks are available to them;

Whereas, This action forces left-handed students to make use of a right-handed desk if there are no other left-handed desks available, making it more difficult for these students to thrive in a learning environment as it results in inconsistent note taking;

Whereas, It’s already difficult enough to take notes in a spiral notebook as a left-handed student;

Therefore, Let it Be Resolved, That right-handed students are forbidden from sitting in left-handed desks;

Therefore, Let it Be Further Resolved, That more left-handed desks be placed toward the front of the room in all university classrooms so that left-handed students may have an equal learning opportunity;

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