

053 Accessibility of Gender-Neutral Toilets

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Summary

Gender-Neutral Toilets are important for all students. Using gendered toilets can be an inconvenient and stressful experience, and a lack of Gender-Neutral toilets can make it especially difficult during class-time to use the toilet.

For example, there is one Gender-Neutral toilet in the Sciences section of the Teaching Wall – on the Third Floor of the Computer Science Department. This is difficult to access due to the way the Teaching Wall is structured.

Earlham Hall and the Enterprise Centre also do not have any easily accessible Gender-Neutral Toilets, meaning students would have to go to central Campus for any. In both examples, going to and from – especially in classes – is an inconvenience due to the distance and time required.

Some parts of the virtual Campus Map mark buildings as having Gender-Neutral toilets, yet only have gendered and disabled toilets.

Union Notes

1. There are many buildings on Campus that do not have designated Gender-Neutral Toilets.
2. Some buildings marked on the virtual Campus Map as having Gender Neutral toilets only have gendered and disabled toilets.

Union Believes

1. There are clusters of buildings that do not have Gender-Neutral toilets, making it inconvenient to access them – especially during classes.
2. Some buildings that do have Gender-Neutral toilets only have a few, accessible in awkward places.
3. Finding Gender-Neutral toilets is difficult due to a lack of signage and flaws in the virtual Campus Map.
4. Lack of Gender-Neutral toilets and signage can make it inconvenient and stressful for Non-Binary and Transgender Students who do not feel comfortable using gendered toilets.

Union Resolves

1. The SU should lobby the University to implement more Gender-Neutral toilets on Campus – especially in areas currently lacking any.

2. The SU should lobby the University to implement better signage for Gender-Neutral toilets to make them more accessible.
3. The SU should lobby the University to aim to have a Gender-Neutral toilet in all buildings on Campus within the next 5 years.