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I'm currently a student at UH West and have been going back and forth with the school since April to try and get more zoom or in person class options available. These are the only class formats that work with my ADHD and dyslexia, both of which the school is aware of. I am only 5 classes away from graduating, yet all of the classes I need are being taught exclusively through Lualaba and email with little to no face to face instruction such as zoom or in person. I knew that trying to get more zoom classes available would take time so I began communicating with different members of the school beginning in April. Yet after 5 months of self

advocating and constant email exchanges, absolutely nothing was done to fulfill my accommodations for increased zoom or in person class options. This led me to reached out to the Hawaii Disability Rights Center, and after reviewing my case they said they'd take me on and I've forwarded them the 5 months worth of emails I have with the school. After going back and forth with different members of the administration for 4 months, one of the last people I was referred to was Jeffrey Moniz. I contacted him via email explaining that I needed more zoom and in person class options due to my learning disabilities and he responded to me an entire month later saying that it was now too late. UH West does not care about students with learning disabilities, but I know that this does not reflect on the UH system as a whole. I hope that no other student is made to feel as insignificant and worthless as this school has made me feel for needing extra support for my learning disabilities.

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