Resolution Concerning Childcare

April 30, 2015

Class C Resolution adopted at the April 23, 2015, Faculty Senate Meeting

WHEREAS, the University of Washington has fallen behind its peer institutions in providing flexible on-site childcare; and

WHEREAS, the faculty recognizes the administration’s efforts to address this issue by appointing a full-time director for Childcare Development & Access; and

WHEREAS, the University of Washington continues “to create welcoming and respectful learning environments, promoting access, opportunity and justice for all.” (UW Diversity Mission Statement 2014).

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Faculty Senate endorses the administration’s appointment of a director and a permanent advisory committee on Childcare Development and Access; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that through the permanent advisory committee the Faculty Senate will continue working with the administration to develop a family friendly environment at the University of Washington by the following actions:

- Develop accessible, near / on-site university childcare centers.
- Support collaborations between new campus childcare centers, affording access for families and ensuring excellence and quality programs for those served.
- Provide leadership in the field of early education, family relationships, and early mental health, essential to developing a qualified and informed workforce in meeting the varied needs of our graduate and professional school students, faculty, and staff.
- Strengthen family relationships by providing support and educational services that are based on research and best-practice methodology.
- Create flexibility whenever possible to adjust and respond to the changing needs of campus families, the workforce, and our environment.
- Develop productive partnerships to facilitate access by the University of Washington community to a full range of childcare support.

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