

# **Resolution of the Indiana University South Bend Faculty Senate**

## **Indiana University South Bend Faculty Senate 2013-2014**

**Sponsor:** Vendor Review Board, a committee of the Indiana University South Bend Faculty Senate

**Topic:** Resolution regarding the outsourcing of the operations and administration of the Child Development Center at Indiana University South Bend

### **The Vendor Review Board reminds all faculty members that:**

- The Child Development Center (CDC) at IUSB began in 1969 as a parent initiated babysitting cooperative with 15 children, and presently is operated as a high quality state-licensed center that serves more than 70 children each semester;
- A petition has been circulated to maintain the present operation of the center and, according to a report in the South Bend Tribune, more than 200 people have signed the petition;
- The center staff includes a director, administrative support specialist, five full-time lead teachers, five full-time teacher's assistants and five part-time teacher's assistants, who are all Indiana University employees;
- It has been stated that the Child Development Center is one of the most valuable services on campus for non-traditional students, and is a high quality facility available to all faculty and staff with pre-school aged children; and,
- The faculty has profound interests in the services available to support all students, staff and faculty, in the social welfare all members of the campus community and their families, and a responsibility to participate openly in discussions and in decision making capacities regarding those interests.

### **Purpose of Resolution:**

This resolution declares the concerns and desires of the Vendor Review Board of the Faculty Senate and, through its passage in the Faculty Senate on (DATE), of the faculty at Indiana University South Bend.

### **Be it resolved that:**

The Faculty affirms that the services of the Child Development Center are of great importance to the university community and that an affordable, high quality child care facility should be available to students, staff, and faculty. Furthermore, through the Request for Proposal (RFP) process, the Faculty of Indiana University South Bend:

- Encourages vendors to specifically address the status of the current Child Development Center staff;
- Encourages vendors to maintain the current wages and benefits of the current future CDC employees, and to address specific plans within their proposal;
- Encourages vendors to describe the scope and quality of future services, including accreditation standards and professional development plans for Center personnel;
- Encourages vendors to discuss processes for determining the diverse needs of the campus community, including students, staff, and faculty;
- Stresses the importance of including representatives of faculty, students and staff in the ultimate decision- regarding the selection of the vendor and awarding of the contract; and,
- Requests that all vendors be provided a copy of this faculty resolution by the agents of Indiana University and Indiana University South Bend.

Note: The signatures of the co-sponsors and proposers of this resolution are attached.