

Resolution of the Indiana University South Bend Faculty Senate

Indiana University South Bend Faculty Senate 2017-18

Sponsor: Faculty Working Group on Childcare at IU South Bend

Topic: Resolution regarding reinstating childcare at IU South Bend

The sponsors remind all faculty members:

1. The Child Development Center (CDC) at IUSB began in 1969 as a parent initiated babysitting cooperative with 15 children. Until its closure in June 2017 it operated as a high quality state-licensed center that served over 70 children each semester.
2. An electronic survey distributed in fall 2017 to students, faculty, and staff received 887 responses: 67% of respondents were students, 18% were faculty, and 15% were staff.
3. 95% of survey respondents answered “yes,” that university-supported childcare should be available to students, staff and faculty. 93% of respondents affirmed that campus-supported childcare was “very important” or “moderately important” to student success. (See more results in the attached document.)
4. The faculty has profound interests in the social welfare all members of the campus community (students, staff, and faculty), and their families, and a responsibility to participate openly in deliberations and decisions regarding those interests.

Purpose of Resolution:

This resolution declares the concerns and desires of the Faculty Working Group on Childcare (and the Vendor Review Board of the Faculty Senate) and, through its passage in the Faculty Senate on **January 19, 2018**, of the faculty at Indiana University South Bend.

Be it resolved that:

The Faculty affirms that campus-supported childcare is of great importance to the university community and that an affordable, high quality child care facility should be available to students, staff, and faculty.