

Oregon State University Family and Child Resources and Programs Resolution
OSU Faculty Senate

April 13, 2017

Whereas, the Faculty Senate strongly supports accessible, high quality, affordable and also living wage based family and child resources and programs for faculty, staff and students; and

Whereas, access to affordable, quality child care is currently a significant challenge for many OSU faculty, students, and staff; and

Whereas, the ability of faculty to obtain these resources directly affects these faculty members' welfare or quality of life, creativity and productivity as well as those colleagues with whom they collaborate; and

Whereas, OSU for many years had a child care committee and the 2015 Task Force on Children, Youth and Family developed a set of recommendations, appended hereto, that the Faculty Senate wholeheartedly supports; and

Whereas Article II, Sec.2, (b) of the Faculty Senate bylaws states the Faculty Senate shall: (b) study and prepare recommendations to the President of Oregon State University concerning the welfare of the Faculty; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Faculty Senate requests:

1. That a broadly representative and permanent OSU Children, Youth and Family Committee be appointed by the OSU President in consultation with faculty, staff and student representative organizations; that this committee be tasked with maintaining informed knowledge of OSU family needs and existing and emerging best practices in the care and education of family dependents and support of working families, and providing guidance and direction to the OSU administration on child, youth, and family issues; and
2. That beyond the current valuable commitment made by the OSU administration and ASOSU, that a plan and commitment be developed to provide stable ongoing funding that will assure the breadth and quality of child, youth and family resources available to the OSU campus community; and
3. That OSU carry this message of the importance of educational institutions providing these resources for children, youth and families beyond OSU to the broader higher education community and culture; therefore, may it also be

Resolved, That the Faculty Senate requests at least annual updates on the progress of these initiatives from the Faculty Economic Welfare and Retirement Committee.