

Resolution Concerning the Faculty Support of Baby Gator Child Care
on Campus
University of Florida, Faculty Senate
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WHEREAS, Baby Gator is a child development center offering quality care to children of faculty, staff and students of the University of Florida; and

WHEREAS, twenty-five percent of Baby Gator's child placements are reserved for faculty and staff; and

WHEREAS, Baby Gator currently has a waiting list of over 400 and non-student families (faculty and staff) may wait 12-18 months for a space to become available; and

WHEREAS, recent faculty surveys indicate that the level of childcare services on campus is a concern for faculty; and

WHEREAS, the Faculty Senate Welfare Council established a task force to look at child care on campus and make recommendations regarding increasing or improving access, and

WHEREAS, additional space is a key constraint of the ability for Baby Gator to increase child care services; and

WHEREAS, a potential location in the Health Science's Center area has been identified and others will be needed to address the lack of available child care services on campus;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The Faculty Senate supports the addition of a location in the Health Sciences Center and the changes that would need to occur to secure that location;
2. The Faculty Senate supports the efforts needed to secure other locations on campus, either at existing sites and/or part of a newly constructed building.
3. The Faculty Senate supports the continued evaluation of campus childcare through the Faculty survey.