

SENATE RESOLUTION: 24007
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A SENATE RESOLUTION CALLING FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON BOARD OF REGENTS TO CONTINUE THE PRESENT OPERATION OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON CHILD CARE CENTER

- WHEREAS: The University of Houston Child Care Center provides an appropriate, developmentally based learning environment; and
- WHEREAS: The University of Houston Child Care Center is used for a model for other universities as evidenced by requests for information from Texas A&M, UT, Rice, University of Alabama, and others; and
- WHEREAS: The University of Houston Child Care Center is self supporting with Student Service Fee funds going to subsidize a small portion of student parent costs to allow student parents a lower rate than staff and faculty parents; and
- WHEREAS: The University of Houston Child Care Center provides an observation facility for many students in among others the College of Education, the College of Humanities and Fine Arts, the College of Social Sciences, and the College of Optometry; and
- WHEREAS: The University of Houston Child Care Center is an important and valuable resource to the University and university community enhancing student life; now, therefore, be it
- RESOLVED: That the Board of Regents continue the present operation of the Child Care Center without further discussion of a change in operating management.



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BACKGROUND. A child care business has apparently approached a member of the UH System Board of Regents about the prospect of taking over the Child Care Center on our campus.

The Child Care Center is not involved only with babysitting. Educational concerns are viewed in the Center as equal in importance to basic child care. There is a curriculum, and at least four colleges from our university use the Center as an observation facility.

While the costs to parents for the services of the Center may be above the costs sometimes charged in private child-care businesses, the superiority of the Center over the ordinary babysitting enterprises seems to be generally recognized and appreciated by those faculty, students, and staff who are parents of the children cared for in the Center.

The Center is strongly supported by a parents' advisory committee, by an active fundraising organization, by the Students' Association, and by the Student Service Fee Committee.

Outside the System Board of Regents there appears to be firm sentiment for maintaining the Center in its present form, but with the planned addition of more space to accommodate many of the parents now on a waiting list. On the other hand, there has not surfaced any discernable desire in the university community for turning over the facility to the likes of La Petite Academy or Toddler House. There is no shortage of the latter sort of enterprise available to those desiring it.

RESOLUTION. The Child Care Center of the University of Houston should remain in its current status with regard to organization, operation, and funding, and should not be rented out to an outside child care business.

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