



Minutes

Children's Center Advisory Committee ~ Special Meeting

📅 Tue March 1st, 2022

🕒 2:45pm - 3:45pm PST

📍 ASI Boardroom - Titan Student Union

👥 In Attendance

1. Call to Order

Alison Sanchez, Chair, called the meeting to order at 2:46 pm.

2. Roll Call

Members Present: Aquino, Baldacci, Kelly, Samek, San Gabriel, Sanchez

Members Absent: Brazell

Liaisons Present: Allen, Palacios

Liaisons Absent:

According to the ASI Policy Concerning Board of Directors Operations, attendance is defined as being present prior to the announcement of Unfinished Business and remaining until the scheduled end of the meeting.

* Indicates that the member was in attendance prior to the start of Unfinished Business, but left before the scheduled ending of the meeting.

** Indicates that the member was in attendance for a portion of the meeting, but not in attendance prior to the announcement of Unfinished Business.

3. Approval of Agenda

Decision: (Aquino-m/San Gabriel-s) The agenda was approved by unanimous consent.

4. **Approval of Minutes**

There were no minutes to approve.

- a. **NONE**

5. **Public Speakers**

There were no public speakers.

6. **Reports**

- a. **Chair:**

Sanchez had no report to share.

- b. **Associate Executive Director**

Sanchez yielded the floor to Allen, Associate Executive Director, to share her report.

Allen shared information a collaboration effort between the Food Pantry and the Children's Center to provide donated diapers to 100 families.

Allen said they will provide priority to students with children at the center and also provide to student parents without children at the center. The split will be 60-40.

Palacios added information at Allen's request. Palacios shared that they will provide 50 diapers per child, with sizes ranging from diapers to pull-ups.

Allen also noted that the speaker series is going well, she specifically referred to the recently passed Angela Davis event.

7. **Unfinished Business**

There is no unfinished business.

- a. **NONE**

8. **New Business**

- a. **Action: Resolution for Approval of the Children's Center Fees 2022-23**

The Committee will consider a resolution to approve a 3% increase for the Children's Center fees for 2022-23.

CCAC 002 21/22 (Aquino-m/Kelly-s) A motion was made and seconded to approve a 3% increase for the Children's Center fees for 2022-23.

Sanchez yielded to Lydia Palacios, Children's Center Director to review the resolution and fee analysis.

The report is an attachment to the agenda.

Palacios shared that they would have to increase fees from student parents to cover the rising costs of everything they need because they provide everything to their children at the center including their food costs.

Sanchez yielded to Allen to add additional information.

Allen stated they were on track to have a steady fee increase annually but COVID disrupted their plans.

Allen said they planned to gradually increase prices, but did not expect prices to rise at the rate that they have been recently with inflation.

Allen said this proposed increase would catch them up to speed on the cost increase they planned to stay above these costs.

Sanchez opened the floor to questions.

Samek asked why the weekly amount changed to 42 hours

Palacios responded that they require a minimum of 9 hours a week, but have a flexible policy for hours of care and added that a weekly fee applies at 42 hours, but they are welcome to come more.

Palacios added the 42-hour amount was decided since that is the actual weekly average of child care they provide per child.

Baldacci said when looking at the change in price for a weekly fee, the change is not 3% but closer to 25%.

Palacios mentioned the 3% addition to the hourly rate would not be charged to families that are low income/subsidized.

Baldacci added the increase of the total is 25%, not the 3% that is being requested, said that 3% is very understandable, but 25% is not.

Palacios explained the weekly amount change reflects a 3% hourly increase and an increase of hours to qualify for a weekly rate. She referenced the chart and shared the current rate was based on a weekly amount of 36 hours, not the actual average which is 42 hours.

Baldacci recommended Palacios have a plan in place for how she plans to justify the increase to the Board of Directors for final approval.

Palacios said that everyone isn't going 42 hours they won't need to pay the higher fee, and most students will be able to have their children attend for under 42 hours.

Allen asked on average what is being seen regarding hourly attendance rates.

Palacios explained the previous average was low and some people would receive 20+ hours of free child care because they've met the previous weekly minimum. Palacios also noted that most parents are utilizing 26 hours of care right now.

Sanchez opened the floor to discussion.

Baldacci inquired if they could change the hourly rate at a later time since the change to the weekly payment total is so large.

Palacios stated they would not want to change their rates during the next semester since the rates stay locked for a year.

San Gabriel asked when the change would come into effect.

Palacios responded these changes would go into effect July 1, 2022 at the beginning of the fiscal year.

Allen said Palacios would typically sit down with the families and discuss these changes.

Allen said they have to keep up their quality of care and that their rates are still typically lower than the surrounding communities.

Sanchez asked if there were any objections to moving towards a roll call vote. There were no objections.

Decision: CCAC 002 21/22 (Aquino-m/Kelly-s) Roll Call Vote: 3/2/1 The motion to approve a 3% increase for the Children's Center fees for 2022-23 has been adopted.

b. Information: Children's Center Updates

The Committee will receive updates regarding the Children's Center from Lydia Palacios, Director.

The Advisory Committee received updates regarding the Children's Center from Lydia Palacios, Director.

Sanchez yielded to Palacios, Director of the Children's Center, to share a report. The report is attached to the minutes.

Palacios shared the priorities and goals for the Children's Center.

Palacios also shared how CSUF Students work in the center.

Sanchez opened the floor to questions.

Sanchez asked who is providing the diapers.

Palacios responded that OC Diaper Bank will provide the diapers.

Baldacci asked for additional information on the plans to ramp up enrollment.

Palacios said they will take applications in May when they transition children to their new spaces.

Sanchez opened the floor to discussion. There were no points of discussion.

9. Announcements / Members Privilege

There were no announcements.

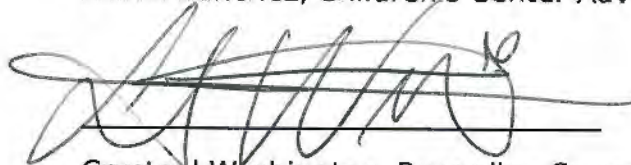
10. Adjournment

Alison Sanchez, Chair, adjourned the meeting at 3:16 pm.



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Alison Sanchez, Children's Center Advisory Committee Chair



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Crystal Washington, Recording Secretary

Roll Call 2021-2022

03/01/2022 CHILDREN'S Center Advisory Committee Roll Call

Attendance	Board Members			
			Present	Absent
ARTS	Aquino	Ramon	1	
Faculty Parent	Baldachi	Justine	1	
Student Parent	Brazell	Kristi		1
COMM	Kelley	Lydia	1	
Academic Sen Rep	Samek	Alyssa	1	
HHD	San Gabriel	Hannah	1	
UPR	Vacant			
Chair	Sanchez	Alison	1	
			Present	Absent
			6	1

Attendance	Liaisons			
			Present	Absent
	Allen	Keya	1	
			Present	Absent
			1	0

Guest: Palacios Lydia

*Recording Secretary: Crystaal Washington

Roll Call Votes	start 002	002 - Resolution 2022-23 Fees			
		Yes	No	Abstain	
ARTS	Aquino	Ramon	1		
Faculty Parent	Baldachi	Justine		1	
Student Parent	Brazell	Kristi	Absent		
COMM	Kelley	Lydia		1	
Academic Sen Rep	Samek	Alyssa	1		
HHD	San Gabriel	Hannah			1
UPR	Vacant				
Chair	Sanchez	Alison	1		
			Yes	No	Abstain
			3	2	1



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A Resolution for Approval of the Children's Center Fees 2022-23

Sponsor: Alison Sanchez

WHEREAS, the Associated Students Inc., CSUF (ASI) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that operates as an auxiliary organization of California State University, Fullerton; and

WHEREAS, ASI is governed by ASI Board of Directors, who set policy for the organization, approve all funding allocations to programs and services, and advocate on behalf of student interests on committees and boards; and

WHEREAS, ASI operates the ASI CSUF Children's Center to support CSUF student parents as they pursue their education, and to support CSUF staff and faculty parents as they work and teach; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors establishes the Children's Center operating budget and approves programs and services; and

WHEREAS, the proposed fees for 2022-2023 include an increase by a rate of 3%.

WHEREAS, the increased tuition is due to the annual minimum wage increase and inflation increase which have continued to increase the cost in our operations; and

WHEREAS, in the last few years, these increases have been absorbed by the Associated Student Body Fee and we are seeking to stabilize the impact and offset those rising operational costs; therefore let it be

RESOLVED, ASI Board of Directors approves the hours of operations of the Children's Center for the 2022-2023 fiscal year; and let it be finally

RESOLVED, that this resolution be distributed to the applicable ASI departments for appropriate action.

Adopted by the Board of Directors of the Associated Students Inc., California State University, Fullerton, on the eighth day of Marcy in the year two thousand twenty two.

Mary Chammas
Chair, Board of Directors

Morgan Diaz
Treasurer/Secretary, Board of Directors



Children's Center Fall 2021

Updates



- At this time, we are offering in person services.
- Operating 4 classrooms. Age range of children being offered in person care is 7 months to 5 years of age.
- Current hours of operation are 7:45-5:45 Monday through Thursday and 7:45-5:15 Friday.
- We have filled our three Master Teacher vacant positions
- Currently have 54 student assistants working at the facility.
 - 45 in the classroom
 - 4 front office clerical assistants
 - 5 kitchen assistants
- Currently have 21 interns earning academic credit while volunteering on site.
- Continuing to slowly increase enrollment. In January due to escalating COVID numbers and campus status, we were unable to expand services as previously planned. In May, we are planning on opening an additional classroom. We are expecting to slowly increase enrollment over the next few months as well leading up to a much larger capacity for Fall 2022.

Recent Focuses



- We were able to purchase new outdoor equipment to improve our outdoor classrooms, including water and mud equipment, furniture and reading nooks .
- Started a collaboration with Start Well Mental Health Consultation for Early Care and Education to improve our mental health training and resources.
- In collaboration with the TSU, we will soon be providing free diapers to families. Diapers are being provided by the OC Diaper Bank and the program is set to begin in March.



Center Activities



- We will continue working on collaborating with other departments to build and increase services to CSUF Students and community.
- We will be working on improving our marketing of resources, videos and those electronic resources we have available.
- We will continue to move towards increasing operations and enrolling additional families in the upcoming months.
- Moving back to increased in person trainings for our student employees and interns.

Future Plans



Questions

