

Cornell University University Assembly

U.A. Resolution #3

Examining the Need to Augment the Cornell Childcare Facility

March 5, 2019 1 Sponsored by: Tireniolu Onabajo, Undergraduate; Chair, Campus Welfare Committee. 2 3 On Behalf Of: UA Campus Welfare Committee (E. Roszkowski, B. Roebal, C. Van Loan, 4 D. Geisler, D. Hiner, T. Onabajo, J. Pea.) 5 6 Whereas, access to child care services is a salient concern to all constituents of the university: 7 faculty, staff, and students; and 8 9 Whereas, all indications are a larger facility is beneficial for recruitment of faculty, staff, and students; and 10 11 12 Whereas, the Cornell Child Care Center has been in operation for ten years without an in-depth 13 review of its adequacy to serve the growing needs for early childcare of the Cornell community; 14 and 15 16 Whereas, members of this committee have been unable to obtain waitlist-related information 17 from the Cornell Child Care Center despite repeated efforts to do so; and 18 19 Whereas, anecdotal evidence gathered by this committee indicates that the facility's capacity 20 does not meet demand for childcare services; and 21 22 **Whereas**, expansion of the facility may be economically feasible provided demand is adequate; 23 24 Be it therefore resolved, the University Assembly requests that the Institutional Research and 25 Planning office launches a survey of faculty, staff, and students regarding their experiences with 26 the Child Care Center and its perceived adequacy; and 27 28 Be it further resolved, the University Assembly requests that Bright Horizons provides the 29 Assembly with information on the length of the current waitlist and details of how selections 30 from this waitlist are made; and 31 32 **Be it finally resolved**, the University Assembly requests that President Martha Pollack 33 commissions the university divisions of Facilities and Campus Services, Budget and Planning,



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- 34 and Human Resources, in collaboration with the director of the Cornell University Child Care
- 35 Center to initiate, by the end of the academic year 2019–20, an investigation into the viability of

36 expanding the Cornell University Child Care Center.

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Adopted by Vote of the Assembly (11-0-1), March 12, 2019,

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