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Manuel N. Gomez, Vice Chancellor, Student Affairs

From: Sharon Block, Chair, Chancellor's Advisory Committee on Child Care (CCC)
Associate Professor, Department of History

Re: Annual Report, 2006-2007

Date: June 27, 2007

Attached is the Annual Report of the Chancellor's Advisory Committee on Child Care for the 2006-2007 academic year. We list our actions in relation to our 2005-2006 goals, our additional activities, and our 2007-2008 goals. We welcome any comments (email: sblock@uci.edu).

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sharon Block', written in a cursive style.

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Chancellor's Advisory Committee on Child Care (CCC) 2006-2007 Annual Report

The CCC had identified four primary goals for the 2006-2007 Academic Year. Below are our activities related to them:

I. FUNDRAISING

- *GOAL: To make fundraising for future Child Care facilities a priority with Advancement.*
- ACTION: We have inquired about fundraising for child care and have been told by multiple administrators that Child Care fundraising is a goal of the Capital Campaign.

II. LONG-TERM CHILDCARE GROWTH PLANS

- *GOAL: To encourage concrete plans for new high quality child care centers as part of other campus development plans.*
- ACTION: The new Infant Toddler Center was built this year and should open in the coming months. We continue to press for inclusion of Child Care facilities into long term growth plans, and have spoken with Council on Faculty Welfare and Advance Equity Advisors about making sure that there are long term plans for child care growth to match campus growth.

III. TIERED TUITION PROGRAM

- *GOAL: To investigate various tier or subsidy options and recommend one or more that might work well for the UCI community.*
- ACTION: We have had multiple discussions of the possibility of a tiered tuition program, in addition to the current state-subsidized student places. We have not made significant progress on this complicated issue, and will continue this goal for 2007-2008.

IV. CAMPUS COMMUNICATION

- *GOAL: To increase outreach to the UCI community about UCI child care options, practices and policies.*
- ACTION: We developed an extensive UCI Child Care FAQ and spoken with EVC technical staff Henry Balanza about putting this information online. We expect this to have final approval and be online in Summer 2007. Chair Sharon Block met with The Advance Equity Advisors and the Council on Faculty Welfare to discuss Child Care issues.

We also undertook additional activities in 2006-2007:

1. Continued Monitoring of UCI Childcare Enrollments and Waitlists

Our quarterly reviews of enrollments and waitlist numbers at all UCI Child Care facilities on campus (including University Montessori) shows ongoing high numbers of waitlisted children. For instance, UCI infant care currently has a waitlist of 88 children for about 13 (already filled) slots. The new ITC will help this, but our experience has been that every announcement of new facilities leads to a rise in waiting list signups.

We are concerned that the increase in Infant Toddler numbers may lead to a shortage of UCI pre-school slots.

After School care (Extended Day) continues to be in high demand, even though many people have anecdotally said they don't even bother to sign up, knowing the small likelihood they might get a spot. There are currently 19 faculty/staff slots yet 33 faculty/staff on the waiting list.

2. Continued Attention to Child Care Staffing Difficulties

Kathy White, Director of Childcare Services, has been trying a variety of creative recruitment techniques. She has also been working with the UCI Department of Education to set up early childcare classes and certifications.

3. Student Scholarship Revival

We distributed a generous University Montessori scholarship for one preschooler to a UCI student.

4. Child Care Budget

We reviewed and discussed the Child Care budget, particularly the question of whether childcare will need future subsidies with the increased numbers of infants and toddlers which generally cost more than tuition covers.

Goals for 2007-2008

1. Longterm Child Care Center Development

We remain concerned that new child care centers are not currently in the planning stages. By not incorporating the construction of child care centers into the campus' larger strategic goals, each center becomes more expensive. We should fold such construction into the bidding process for larger projects, improving planning and lowering costs.

2. Fundraising

We look forward to working with Advancement to raise funds for Child Care buildings and operations.

3. Financial and Budgetary Concerns

The planned building of new child care centers will require ongoing examination of how the Child Care Services budget will expand to cover the continued high quality care it currently offers.

4. Tiered Payment System

We will continue to explore this issue as a means to make childcare more equitably affordable.

5. University endorsement of waitlist goal for child care

The Chancellor's Child Care Committee has endorsed the request of the Faculty Women's Association and the Council on Faculty Welfare that children be admitted to UCI child care after no more than nine months on a waitlist. We would like this to be an official University goal as well.

6. New Child Care Committee Leadership/Membership

We need a means by which to recruit new members fairly and systematically. We have had great difficulty especially recruiting student members. The 2007-2008 academic year will be Sharon Block's last year on the committee, so a new Chair needs to be identified.