Resolution 2019-2020-X Creative School for Children

Whereas, the Creative School for Children (CSC) provides child daycare for the children of (1) UCF enrolled Students with 6 credit hours or more. (2) UCF Employees of any rank (3) UCF Alumni Community members, and (4) non-UCF affiliated Community members (listed in terms of the CSC’s registration/enrollment priority, respectively); and

Whereas, the Creative School for Children (CSC) provides opportunities for university undergraduate and graduate students to receive experience and training in working with young children; and

Whereas, the Creative School for Children (CSC) provides opportunities for faculty, post-doctoral researchers, and graduate and undergraduate students to conduct educational research; and

Whereas, Recently in October 2018, the Creative School for Children (CSC) secured its first Federal CAMPIS grant that supports low-income parents in postsecondary education through the provision of campus-based child care services (1 million dollars over 4 years); and

Whereas, the Current Enrollment of the Creative School for Children (CSC) is 115 children with an annual average of 108 children per year for the past five fiscal years with slight variations semester-by-semester based on each child’s enrollment status (full-time enrollment, part-time enrollment, and child’s age-group); and

Whereas, the Current Waiting List for the Creative School for Children (CSC) is 148 children, where the Waiting List in the previous fiscal years (FY) was 255, 214, 168, and 123 for FY14-15, FY15-16, FY16-17, and FY17-18, respectively which shows that the Waiting List has scaled inversely with the UCF student population; and

Whereas, the Creative School for Children (CSC) is only internally supported for operation via UCF’s Capital Improvement Trust Fund (CITF) with a FY17-18 CITF value of approximately $360,000 that is annually adjusted based on student enrollment; and

Whereas, any supplemental funding required for operation of the Creative School for Children (CSC) has been historically covered (in surplus) via a weighted daycare fee-structure (lowest-to-highest) for the children of UCF students, UCF employees, UCF Alumni, and non-UCF affiliated Community members; and

Whereas, Currently the Creative School for Children (CSC) has personnel costs of approximately $933,000 that supports 7 daycare classrooms (on average 16 children per classroom) and generates approximately $962,000 per year; and
Whereas, the Creative School for Children (CSC) building (Location ID: 24 Abbreviation: CSC1) was built in 1976 (renovated during 1981 and 1994), and has incurred the corresponding Maintenance Costs and Auxiliary Overhead Fees of $71,000 and $67,027, $286,000 and $73,807, $77,000 and $109,617, $123,000 and $121,048, and $60,816 and $126,612 for FY14-15, FY15-16, FY16-17, FY17-18, and FY18-19, respectively; and

Whereas, Currently UCF has more than 68,000 students and more than 13,000 employees while it had in 1994 (the year of the last renovation) about 25,000 students and less than 7,000 employees and in 2007 about 48,000 students and also less than 7,000 employees; and

Whereas, the 2007 Assessment for UCF’s child daycare concluded that the Creative School for Children (CSC) should accommodate approximately 248 children of the 48,000 UCF students in FY07; and therefore

Whereas, Recently the Creative School for Children (CSC) has internally assessed and generated plans for either (a) the renovation of the existing or (b) the construction of a new CSC facility in the amounts of (a) $2.5 million or (b) $7 million, respectively to facilitate an additional (a) 5-10 or (b) 17 classroom spaces for approximately an additional (a) 70-140 or (b) 238 children; and

Whereas, the Creative School for Children (CSC) has prioritized either (a) the renovation of the existing or (b) the construction of a new facility to expand daycare to infants, toddlers, 2 year olds, and 3 year olds, respectively; and

Whereas, the Creative School for Children (CSC) has assessed that the current landsite location of the CSC facility is sufficient for either (a) the renovation of the existing or (b) the construction of a new facility; therefore

Be it resolved that UCF both allocate the proper funding and create an implementation unit for either independently or by combination thereof (1) renovate the current CSC facility to reduce maintenance and auxiliary overhead fees, (2) renovate the current CSC facility to facilitate an additional 5-10 classrooms (70-140 children), and (3) construct a new CSC facility to support a total of 24 classrooms (approximately 333 children, total) to meet the demand of current UCF students and employees.