

County Community College
Michael J. Grant Campus

Academic Assembly

**Resolution 2019-09 [26]**

**Endorsing the**

**Faculty Council of Community Colleges’ Resolution**

**in Support of Child Care Funding**

**Whereas** the Faculty Council of Community Colleges unanimously approved, on October 5, 2019, a resolution CSL2.2019-2020 (attached below) *in Support of Child Care Funding*; and

**Whereas** the FCCC resolution urges the New York State Governor Andrew Cuomo and all necessary parties to support an increase of $2 million to both the Operating Grant and the Child Care and Development Block Grant; and

**Whereas** the Grant Campus Academic Assembly recognizes the need to support parenting students across the whole SUNY system; be it therefore

**Resolved** that the Grant Campus Academic Assembly endorses the Faculty Council of Community Colleges’ *Resolution in Support of Child Care Funding*.

Passed [39-0-0] on December 10, 2019



**Faculty Council of Community Colleges**

**Resolution in Support of Child Care Funding**

**CSL2.2019-2020**

**Passed Unanimously**

**October 5, 2019**

**WHEREAS** SUNY child care centers provide quality care for over 5,000 children; and,

**WHEREAS** of the children served, approximately one-third are children of student parents, one-third children of faculty and staff, and one-third children from the community; and,

**WHEREAS** SUNY currently has 48 child care centers, 26 of which are situated at community colleges, that must be adequately staffed with people who must, at least, make minimum wage; and,

**WHEREAS** New York State’s increase in minimum wage represents an increase in the cost of employing child care workers; and,

**WHEREAS** the child care centers cannot raise tuition in proportion to the rising minimum wage because the majority of the student parents would not be able to afford the higher tuition; and,

**WHEREAS** the shift in the demographics of community college students has resulted in more non-traditional students with the potential need for increased child care service; and,

**WHEREAS** without access to community college child care centers, many student parents would not be able to pursue, persist in, and complete a college education; and,

**WHEREAS** the denial of access to community college child care centers (while providing funding for other resources) could be viewed as a violation of Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 (specifically, the scope of Title IX) states:

“Educational programs and activities that receive ED funds must operate in a nondiscriminatory manner. Some key issue areas in which recipients have Title IX obligations are: recruitment, admissions, and counseling; financial assistance…treatment of pregnant and parenting students”;

[https://www2.ed.gov/policy/rights/reg/ocr/edlite-34cfr106.html#S40](https://www2.ed.gov/policy/rights/reg/ocr/edlite-34cfr106.html%22%20%5Cl%20%22S40)); and,

**WHEREAS** there are many child care centers with waiting lists because they cannot afford to hire the additional staff necessary to meet the demand; and,

**WHEREAS** community college child care centers provide invaluable applied learning opportunities for students in programs including, but not limited to, business, culinary arts, early childhood education, nursing, and physical education programs; and,

**WHEREAS** the Child Care and Development Block grant has been reduced by 55 percent, nearly $2 million, over the last ten years, despite the rising need for student parents to receive access to child care services; therefore,

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Faculty Council of Community Colleges urges Governor Andrew Cuomo and all necessary parties to support an increase of $2 million to both the Operating Grant and the Child Care and Development Block Grant; and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Faculty Council of Community Colleges urges Chancellor Kristina Johnson to advocate for increased funding of SUNY’s child care centers.