



To: Provost, Sam Gingerich  
University of Alaska Anchorage

Fr: Kimberly Swiantek,  
UAA Governance Office

Re: Motion from the UAA Faculty Senate on Tanaina Child Development Center

On March 6, 2015 the Faculty Senate approved the following motion in response to the relocation of the Tanaina Child Development Center (TCDC):

The Faculty Senate strongly urges the UAA Chancellor and Chancellor's Cabinet to reaffirm UAA's partnership with the TCDC by explicitly charging the current task force with finding space preferably on or near the UAA campus in line with the recommendations of the UAA 2010 Child Care Task Force Report to ensure that TCDC returns operations to campus by the start of classes in Fall 2015.

This motion is based on the following rationale:

TCDC has been an integral part of the University of Alaska Anchorage (UAA) Campus, providing childcare services to UAA community. Children of UAA student, faculty, staff, and alumni make up 95% of the current enrollment at TCDC.

TCDC contributes to the quality of many academic programs in education, social work, physical education, psychology, etc., and facilitates training of many UAA students in these programs.

TCDC has a long lasting reputation as one of the best child development institutions in Anchorage.

TCDC is an integral part, either directly or indirectly, to all five Priorities of the 2017 Strategic Plan of UAA. Its services are critical for UAA's commitment to equity and access to higher education.

TCDC's accessibility of being located on campus, and its registration priority for students and faculty, has made it a valuable recruiting and retention tool for talented faculty and students, and could be more so with adequate space to expand its programs.



TCDC's board has planned to reduce fees for students in Fall 2015, but will not be able to do this without a lease-agreement on campus. Single and disabled parents among the UAA community will be disproportionately impacted by the loss of TCDC's services.

Therefore, the Faculty Senate recognizes the importance of TCDC on campus in providing quality childcare services to UAA community.

**Provost**

☐ Approved ☒ Disapproved

Comments: *See attached memo.*

Sam Gingrich, Provost

*Dec 14, 2015*

Date

**Chancellor**

☐ Approved ☐ Disapproved

Comments:

Tom Case, Chancellor

Date