U.A. Resolution #3

Examining the Need to Augment the Cornell Childcare Facility

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Whereas, access to child care services is a salient concern to all constituents of the university: faculty, staff, and students; and

Whereas, all indications are a larger facility is beneficial for recruitment of faculty, staff, and students; and

Whereas, the Cornell Child Care Center has been in operation for ten years without an in-depth review of its adequacy to serve the growing needs for early childcare of the Cornell community; and

Whereas, members of this committee have been unable to obtain waitlist-related information from the Cornell Child Care Center despite repeated efforts to do so; and

Whereas, anecdotal evidence gathered by this committee indicates that the facility’s capacity does not meet demand for childcare services; and

Whereas, expansion of the facility may be economically feasible provided demand is adequate;

Be it therefore resolved, the University Assembly requests that the Institutional Research and Planning office launches a survey of faculty, staff, and students regarding their experiences with the Child Care Center and its perceived adequacy; and

Be it further resolved, the University Assembly requests that Bright Horizons provides the Assembly with information on the length of the current waitlist and details of how selections from this waitlist are made; and

Be it finally resolved, the University Assembly requests that President Martha Pollack commissions the university divisions of Facilities and Campus Services, Budget and Planning, and Human Resources, in collaboration with the director of the Cornell University Child Care
Center to initiate, by the end of the academic year 2019–20, an investigation into the viability of expanding the Cornell University Child Care Center.