



Item: AF: I-2

AUDIT AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

Wednesday, April 25, 2007

SUBJECT: PROPOSAL TO INCREASE FEES FOR THE KAREN A. SLATTERY EDUCATION RESEARCH CENTER FOR CHILD DEVELOPMENT.

PROPOSED BOARD ACTION

Information only. This issue will return to the Audit and Finance Committee for action in June 2007 with other fees requests.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The Karen A. Slattery Educational Research Center for Child Development combines the functions of research on early child development with the provision of daily care for the children of students, faculty, staff, and members of the public. The Slattery Center falls administratively under the aegis of the College of Education and is operated as an auxiliary enterprise. Financial support comes from several sources: user fees and appropriation of student fees. This presentation is intended to present an overview of the scope of operations of the Slattery Center and the process the staff of the center has undertaken with respect working with the parent advisory structure to develop and present a comprehensive proposal for fees for 2007 08.

The recommendation is: 1. To increase the infant and toddler rate to balance that cost center (\$44/ month); 2. To move children of students to the standard rate; and, 3. After adjustments, increase all fees across the board by 9% in to provide staff salary increases, retain lower child group sizes and other quality components, and initiate a contingency for facility repair and emergency situations.

The Karen Slattery Board of Directors, as required in statute, met five times to formulate, review and approve the pricing changes. The process included a Parent Information and Input meeting that was held on April 10.

IMPLEMENTATION PLAN/DATE

The rate changes requested would become effective on August 1, 2007.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

N/A. This action balances budget of the Slattery ERCCD auxiliary.

Supporting Documentation: Power Point Presentation

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