



Faculty Council of Community Colleges

Executive Committee Resolution #EC-3: 2013-2014

**Resolution in Support for Campus Child Care**

**Whereas** SUNY child care centers provide quality care for over 5,000 children at 55 centers across the state, 33 of which are situated at community colleges, and

**Whereas** of the 5,000 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's campus based child care services provide incalculable life long benefits to these constituencies as well as contributing to economic development by providing employment opportunities for over 1,000 citizens, and

**Whereas** the opportunity for affordable campus child care services for New York State's citizens has been compromised by the reduction of \$653,000 in the 2014 - 2015 proposed Executive budget, and

**Whereas** the Child Care and Development Block grant has been reduced by nearly \$900,000 for community colleges over the course of the past five years making it more difficult for student parents to receive access to child care services, and

**Whereas** the Faculty Council of Community Colleges provides an opportunity for the faculty of the community colleges to act in an advisory, consultative, and planning capacity to the Chancellor of the University, be it therefore

**Resolved** that the Faculty Council of Community Colleges and the Student Assembly urge the members of the New York State Legislature and all necessary parties to advocate for both the restoration of \$653,000 for the child care funding to the proposed Executive budget as well as an increase of \$1,000,000 to offset the declining revenues from both the Operating Grant and the Child Care and Development Block Grant.