



Item : AF: A-1b

AUDIT AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

Wednesday, April 20, 2011

**SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF THE 2011-12 FEES: KAREN A. SLATTERY
EDUCATION RESEARCH CENTER FOR CHILD DEVELOPMENT.**

PROPOSED COMMITTEE ACTION

Review and recommend approval to the Board of Trustees the proposed Karen A. Slattery Education Research Center for Child Development Fees.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The Karen A. Slattery Educational Research Center for Child Development combines research and teaching early child development with 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 provides a brief comparison of Slattery Pre-School qualities compared with traditional child care facilities, a market comparison review and a recommended fee increase for 2011-12. These recommendations are a product of administrative review, parent advisory board approval and an advertised parental input meeting to develop the proposed fee structure for 2011-2012.

The recommendation is to increase fees for all age groupings by \$25 per month. This action is necessary to retain proper child group sizes and other quality components, provide for possible staff increases and support a contingency for facility repairs and emergencies.

IMPLEMENTATION PLAN/DATE

The rate changes requested would become effective on August 1, 2011.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

This action balances the budget of the Slattery ERCCD auxiliary for the 2011-12 fiscal year.

Supporting Documentation: Slattery ERCCD 2010-2011 Fee Structure PowerPoint Presentation

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The Karen Slattery Education Research Center for Child Development

2011-12 Fee Structure

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Background

The Karen Slattery Center

- ◆ **Most Florida public universities have an Educational Research Center for Child Development (ERCCD).**
- ◆ **The FAU Slattery Center (ERCCD) provides Pre-School services to some 100 children, 3 mo.– 5 yrs., supports university teaching, practicums and research for multiple FAU colleges**
- ◆ **Slattery operates as an auxiliary, self-generating revenue from parent and student fees as authorized in FS 1011.48 and FS 1009.24(12)(q).**

Slattery Demonstrates Highest Quality

- ◆ **Accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC); named a national model**
- ◆ **Only 31 of 800 Palm Beach County child centers are NAEYC-accredited**
- ◆ **Provides the State's Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten (VPK) program for 4 year olds (VPK=3 hr/day).**
- ◆ **Consistently holds highest quality rating in Palm Beach - Five Stars**

Pre-School or Day Care Center?

	Pre-School	Day Care
<i>Purpose</i>	Focused Early Childhood Education/Development	Basic child care
<i>Curriculum</i>	National/state standards Recognized as national Model (NAEYC)	Minimum Health Department regulations
<i>Learning Activities</i>	Purposeful learning play/activity/project	Unstructured play
<i>Child Assessment</i>	Multidimensional- Many tools/on-going	Minimal to none
<i>Lead Teachers</i>	College degree Required (BS, MS)	NO requirement for High School Diploma, GED or CDA
<i>Staff training</i>	Rigorous/continuous-6 days/year minimum	Basic/situational
<i>Parental Involvement</i>	Multiple venues provide involvement and family education	Less involvement, no family workshops

Average Local Market (13 Providers, March 2011 survey)

<u>Age</u>	<u>Range/mo</u>	<u>Slattery/mo</u>	<u>n</u>
I	\$780-1208	\$999	8
1's	\$576-1096	\$999	11
2's	\$540-1044	\$869	13
3's	\$504-1044	\$765	13
4's	\$400-740	\$519	12

- In random sample of 13 responding centers, 1 was NAEYC accredited

2011-12 Slattery Fee Recommendations

- ◆ **Adopt a \$ 25/month general fee increase for all age groups effective August 2011.**
- ◆ **Maintain the current annual registration fee policy**