Florida Gulf Coast University Board of Trustees  
June 16, 2009

SUBJECT:   Regulation: FGCU-PR3.004 Educational Research Centers for Child Development

PROPOSED BOARD ACTION

Approve development of university regulation.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

FGCU is proposing adoption of the attached regulation, Educational Research Centers for Child Development, as required by the Florida Board of Governors regulation. The regulation is being promulgated to provide care for (1) children of graduate and undergraduate students, (2) faculty and staff, and (3) the community.

These Centers also provide an opportunity for interested schools and departments of the University to conduct educational research programs and establish internship programs within such centers and to provide research and training activities.

The regulation proposes criteria and requirements for the establishment of an Advisory Board of Directors for the FGCU Educational Research Center for Child Development including the requirement for the Center to be managed by a Director, hired by the Provost or designee through the FGCU employment process. The measure also provides the FGCU Board of Trustees the authority to assess child care and service fees for the Center. All state universities are required to establish such regulations following the Board of Governors’ Regulation Development Procedure. This newly promulgated FGCU measure assists in handling matters based upon today’s current practices and expectations.

Supporting Documentation Included: Notice and Regulation Educational Research Center for Child Development (FGCU-PR3.004)
FLORIDA GULF COAST UNIVERSITY
NOTICE OF REGULATORY ACTION

May 15, 2009

REGULATION TITLE:
Educational Research Center for Child Development

REGULATION NO.:
FGCU-PR3.004

SUMMARY:
This is a new regulation to establish the framework for the statutorily mandated Educational Research Center for child development known as the Family Resource Center at FGCU.

FULL TEXT:
The full text of the regulation being proposed is attached and can also be found at http://www.fgcu.edu/generalcounsel/promulgation.asp

LAW IMPLEMENTED:
§§ 1009.24(17), 1001.74(3)c Florida Statutes, Board of Governors Regulation 10.004

UNIVERSITY OFFICIAL INITIATING THE PROPOSED REVISED REGULATION:
Dr. Hudson Rogers, Associate Provost and Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs

UNIVERSITY OFFICIAL APPROVING THE PROPOSED REGULATION:
Dr. Ronald Toll, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

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ANY COMMENTS REGARDING THE PROPOSED NEW REGULATION SHOULD BE SUBMITTED IN WRITING ON OR BEFORE MAY 29, 2009 BY 5:00 P.M. THE COMMENTS MUST IDENTIFY THE REGULATION ON WHICH YOU ARE COMMENTING.

THIS NOTICE WAS POSTED ON THE FGCU WEBSITE ON: May 15, 2009.
REGULATION: FGCU-PR3.004

Educational Research Center for Child Development

(1) General. Educational Research Centers for Child Development are child day care centers established to provide care for children of students, both graduate and undergraduate, faculty, and other staff and employees of the University. These Centers also provide an opportunity for interested schools or departments of the University to conduct educational research programs and establish internship programs within such centers in accordance with §1011.48, Florida Statutes. The purpose of these Centers is to provide research and training activities which are representative of a comprehensive scope of child development needs throughout the community.

(2) This regulation applies to the operations of the Educational Research Center for Child Development at Florida Gulf Coast University, known as the Family Resource Center.

(3) There shall be an Advisory Board of Directors for the Family Resource Center.

(4) The Board shall be made up of an odd number of persons and shall consist of the President of the University or designee, the student government president or designee, one parent for each 50 children enrolled (elected by the parents of children enrolled in the Center), the Chair or designee of each department participating in the Center, and one campus-wide or Community person to be determined by the President.

(5) The Center shall be managed by a Director, hired by the Provost or designee through the FGCU employment process, and approved by the Center’s Board. The Center Director shall be an ex officio, non-voting member of the Center’s Advisory Board of Directors.

(6) The Board of Directors shall establish local policies and shall perform oversight and operational guidance for the Center.

(7) The Center shall give highest priority to serving the children of students, followed by the children of staff and faculty and shall develop a policy to guide implementation of the established priority.
(8) The University Board of Trustees will authorize the assessment of child care and service fees for the Family Resource Center. Such fees should be set at a level required to support the cost of providing the service. Exceptions should be made for children of students and may be made for low-income faculty and staff. These fees must be approved by the University Board of Trustees in accordance with BOG Regulation 7.003(17).

(9) The Family Resource Center shall be funded by a portion of the Capital Improvement Trust Fund (CITF) fee established by the Board of Governors pursuant to §1009.24(8) with the University receiving a portion of such fees collected from FGCU students and usable only at FGCU.

(10) The CITF fee portion shall equal 22.5 cents per student credit hour taken per term, based on summer, fall and spring semesters. Such allocation may be made only after all bond obligations required to be paid from such fees have been met.

(11) Funds appropriated for the Educational and General activities of the State University System shall not be used to staff and operate the Center.