

MJC ACADEMIC SENATE
RES. SP03-F: SENATE OPPOSITION TO CHILDCARE SERVICES REALIGNMENT
March 13, 2003

Proposed by: Margie Perez-Sesser

WHEREAS, the Child Development Training Consortium contracts with 94 community colleges including MJC to support Child Development Divisions by providing funds for books, tuition, field trips, and instructional support, and

WHEREAS, the Child Development Training Consortium provides funding for the reimbursement of Child Development Teacher Permit application fees, and

WHEREAS, on campus childcare is an essential service necessary for many students to complete their education at MJC, and

WHEREAS, current students who utilize childcare services are enrolled in over 600 units in all MJC divisions, and the realignment would force them to drop classes and would affect all areas of instruction, and

WHEREAS, the Childcare center serves as the laboratory for our student teachers, and

WHEREAS, reliable no-cost, quality childcare services must be provided in order to break the cycle of poverty and assist students to acquire the necessary education to become self-sufficient;

THEREFORE, Be it Resolved that the MJC Academic Senate opposes the realignment of childcare services from the California Department of Education to the Counties; And direct the MJC Academic Senate President to work with the President of the State Academic Senate to oppose the realignment.

THEREFORE, Be it Further Resolved that we ask the President of the State Academic Senate to work to ensure that the Childcare and Quality Improvement funding continue to be administered by the California Department of Education Child Development Division, thus ensuring that the funds will be used for campus child care, laboratory instructional purposes, educational support.

First Reading March 20, 2003

Final Action: March 20, 2003, Rules were suspended

Disposition: Carried

President Terry Lyle communicated with State Academic Senate President Hoke Simpson apprising him of the Senate's position, and encouraging him to work for continued funding for Child Development program in California Community Colleges.