

TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY

Senate Resolution 55.39

1 (Stating the sentiments of the Student Senate regarding student, faculty, and staff access to feasible childcare 2 options) 3

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WHEREAS, the student, faculty, and staff populations at Texas Tech include many individuals with children, and

WHEREAS, currently the only on campus option for childcare is enrollment in the Child Development Research Center, and

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WHEREAS, the Child Development Research Center limits enrollment capacity in order to ensure student-child ratios are maintained in alignment with standards recommended by the National Association for the Education of Young Children, and

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WHEREAS, the Child Development Research Center tuition rates may not fall within family budgets for many Red Raiders with children, and

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WHEREAS, limited access to affordable, convenient, and reliable childcare options may impede learning and work opportunities for current and prospective Red Raiders, and

WHEREAS, a campus climate survey is an effective tool for evaluating the collective perceptions of students, faculty, and staff regarding currently available resources, persistent barriers, currently met needs, and anticipated unmet needs specific to childcare.

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THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Student Senate of Texas Tech University supports the unified efforts of the Student Senate, Faculty Senate, and Staff Senate in collaboratively developing a campus climate survey to appraise the aforementioned perceptions in order to evaluate the need and feasibility of expanding childcare options including, but not limited to additional on-campus childcare centers, student provided babysitting services, and vouchers to use at local childcare centers.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution be spread upon the Journal and that copies be sent to Dr. Michael Galyean, Provost and Senior Vice President of Academic Affairs; Dr. Carol A. Sumner, Chief Diversity

Officer & Vice President of the Division of Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion; Mr. J. Wesley Cochran, Faculty Senate

32 President; Mr. Jon Mark Bernal, Staff Senate President; Mr. Michael Gunn, Director of Student Government 33 Operations at Texas Tech; David Rivero, Student Body President; Mr. Austin Watts, Editor of The Daily

Toreador, and to the students of Texas Tech University.

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