

**UW-Madison**  
**The University Child Care Committee (UCCC)**  
**December 1, 2015**  
**1:30pm to 2:30pm**  
**54 Bascom Hall**

Attendees: PHILLIP C BRAITHWAITE; Christopher Bruhn; Alejandra Torres Diaz; Heather Kirkorian; Carol Noreen; Debb Schoubs ; Darren Smith; Leslie Stilson; Lindsey Stoddard Cameron; Cara Streekstra; Seth Pollak;  
Teri Engelke; Cigdem Unal; Jill Riley

- Preschool Lab highlights, goals, and progress report review with Jill Riley. Please see attached document for the details.  
Preschool Laboratory Merger. They have only 1 program at the Linden Drive site as of August 2015' Added 2 classrooms. Licensed to serve 102 children and 20 academic staff and 25 student employees/teacher assistants.  
PSL is fully enrolled and currently have 162 families on the infant list waiting for care.  
PSL has neighborhoods at each floor, relationships are the foundation of best practice. Neighborhoods feel familiar and help to build relationships with children, families and teachers.  
Outdoor nature education is part of the program, they have been exploring "The Beyond" in the heart of campus.  
Working toward completion of National Early Childhood Program Accreditation (NECPA)  
Showcase the expertise within the PSL program and continue to develop opportunities for new connections and new relationships that will benefit the long term success of our teaching and research mission of the program.  
2016 is the Centennial Anniversary of the Preschool Laboratory.
- Carol Noreen – Thank you for being part of the UCCC for more than 33 years.

Review of the history of UCCC at UW-Madison Campus since 1982. Carol Noreen

History of the University Child Care Committee by Carol Noreen

I was recruited in the fall of 1982 to be on the UW Madison Child Care Committee as a classified representative. I worked at the Middleton Health Sciences Library in the cataloging unit. I was a single parent with a kindergartener, who had attended the campus parent co-operative center Eggplant. I don't know if that was the first year the committee was formed.

The chair of the committee was the Dean of Students, Mary Rouse. The committee was only advisory. I'm not sure which attendees were voting committee members and which were invited members. Attendees included 2 classified reps, 2 faculty reps, various student reps, early childhood campus education instructors, directors of the campus area centers, and other city child care providers like 4Cs. Campus centers at that time were very individual and ran separately, with little interaction. It was difficult to find campus child care spots. The PreSchool Lab did not offer full time care. There was no infant care available.

We discussed things like accredited care, parental leave, availability of care, quality of care, lack of communication between campus centers and city providers, variations in campus support for centers. Connie Wilson join the committee in 1986. She was instrumental in the development of CTAP, working with student governance to allow for segregated fees to be used to help student parents with paying for child care. She also helped developed campus child care fundraisers, such as Jazzin at the Gym, garage

sales, and selling handmade items. She established a fund to assist the UW child centers with staff development, accreditation, promoting quality care.

We worked on developing and advising the Three Wishes Child Care Center housed in the campus Methodist Church. It was an experiment for drop in care, and operated from 1986-1992.

We wrote a white paper in the mid 80s – think it was called Children, Families, and Child Care. We suggested the need for an Office of Campus Child Care to establish a centralized location for child care information for UW students, faculty and staff.

In response to our promotion for more campus child care slots, John Wiley made a presentation to the committee suggesting the building of a large UW facility which could accommodate 400 kids. That possibility was never acted on.

The Office of Child Care was established in 1992 with the hiring of Chip Donohue. His office was in the Human Ecology building. In the beginning there was a problem of just who the office reported to, and what its focus should be.

I was on the hiring committee for his replacement in 1997. Lynn Edlefson was hired and held the position until her retirement this fall of 2015.

Since her arrival, the committee has worked with her on promoting infant care on campus, the availability of sick child care, campus lactation rooms, joint sessions with the Committee on Women, studied other University campus child care programs, 4 K programs in campus centers, physical spaces for child care, etc. We had field trips to all the campus centers and met with staff and kids, which gave us a more complete understanding of center's needs.

I have enjoyed my tenure on this committee. I told Lynn that I would be happy to give up the classified rep. position to someone who actually had a young child – my son was in college when she arrived. But I was never “kicked-off”. I have learned a lot about early childhood education, university red tape, wishes versus reality, and what can be accomplished if you just chip away at something long enough.

I hope that the committee continues as it has, advising and supporting the Office of Campus Child Care and its new head Cigdem Unal. There is still so much that needs to be done.

**We thank you for your time, talent, input, ideas and expertise!**

Next meeting is scheduled on Tuesday February 16, 2015

1:30 to 2:30

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