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MEMORANDUM

TO: Chancellor's Executive Council
 Faculty Senate
 Faculty Senate Welfare Committee
 Academic Deans and Directors
 Childcare Task Force

FROM: Steve Ballard
 Chancellor *Steve*

DATE: October 23, 2008

SUBJECT: Proposal for a Childcare Center at ECU

As most of you are aware, much effort has gone into the preparation of the proposal for a childcare center at ECU. Several years ago, a Faculty Senate committee prepared a report on the feasibility of such a center; and this past year, Dr. David Powers chaired a committee on which sat many members of the original group. The present committee moved the proposal to the RFP stage in the process, and a provider, Bright Horizons, won the competitive bid.

At the same time this proposal was moving forward, the State of North Carolina and the UNC System began experiencing a financial downturn. We expect the next two

years to be bleak. We lost \$2.4 million from our base budget in July 2008, and we now face an additional reversion of 4%, or about \$10 million. The Executive Council has been working hard to budget new and existing resources in line with UNC Tomorrow, our established priorities, BOT mandates, and infrastructure needs.

Within this context, we have made the decision to delay the decision on the feasibility of the childcare proposal. We do not believe that we have the necessary resources to make a long-term commitment for this initiative at this time. Once our fiscal picture becomes more stable, we will return to the current proposal and include it in our discussion of priorities. It is a solid, well-thought out model, and the Task Force is to be commended for their excellent work.

Please know that we understand the need and importance of having a childcare center on our campus. The resources required to make this project a reality are substantial, so it will take a community-wide effort to be successful.