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Dear Olga and Debra:

Thank you for this opportunity to respond to your most recent Committee on the Status of Women (CSW) annual report, dated January 31, 2008. The CSW continues to provide valuable activities that serve the women of UC San Diego, and raises issues for further discussion among the University leadership.

One topic – child care – was discussed in our April 2007 meeting with the CSW and in your January 31 report. I am pleased that we are ready to move forward with a project that will accommodate half-day care, with the possibility of expanding space for the full-day program.

We have requested approval from the UC Office of the President to proceed with a project, the “Mesa Support Building Renovation for Childcare,” that will result in our ability to care for up to 90 children, ages 2 to 5, in a half-day program. The project includes renovation of the existing Mesa Support Buildings currently occupied by Housing & Dining operations and located adjacent to the existing UCSD Early Childhood Education Center. Progress on the project is contingent on funds from UCOP, but we remain optimistic that we may secure their support. Construction on the first phase of the renovation is to be completed by January 1, 2009.

Your report included discussion of initiatives and activities related to quality of work life, for staff, faculty and students. I appreciate the work you’re doing in a variety of areas, including elder care, mentoring and networking.

Thank you for your report and the opportunity to see the many initiatives and programming sponsored and supported by the CSW.

With warm regards,



Marye Anne Fox
Chancellor

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