

Erica Giblin Academic Senate President



To whom it may concern,

This letter is to give notice of intent by the Faculty of the Family and Consumer Education Department (FACE) to realign into two separate departments.

With the addition of the Hospitality Management discipline, the intention is to group Culinary Arts, Nutrition, and Hospitality Management into one standalone department (CNH) and transfer the department to report to the same dean as Agriculture and Business. The rationale for this shift is to report to the same dean as the current pathway and streamline organization for instruction and administration. The like programs will be suited to work closely to foster student engagement and success.

Alike, the Child Development (CHDV) discipline would become its own department keeping them under the same dean in their current pathway with the Education discipline. This will allow for better utilization of faculty expertise and focus resources appropriately.

For all disciplines involved, this will provide enhanced department identities advancing departmental collaborations to benefit the Bakersfield College student while simultaneously aligning with the college's strategic goals.

With the addition of one faculty member to teach Hospitality, there will be a total of 6 full-time tenure track faculty in the CNH department.

With retirements that recently happened without replacement, there are 4 full-time faculty in Child Development. There is a need to hire more to get to a prior levels of minimum 6-8 to teach the over 100 sections in their discipline.

Sincerely,

Alex Gomez

Handwritten signature of Alex Gomez.

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