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**Change of Department Name from Child, Adolescent, and Family Studies (CAFS) to
Human Development and Child, Adolescent, and Family Studies (HDCAFS)**

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RESOLVED: That the name of the Child, Adolescent, and Family Studies Department be changed to Human Development and Child, Adolescent, and Family Studies.

RATIONALE: The revised department name more accurately communicates the breadth of program offerings within the department. Prospective students and faculty members and employers will all be benefitted by this change.

Attachment:

Justification for Department Name Change

Approved by the Academic Senate April 28, 2022

Sent to the President May 6, 2022

Approved by the President May 12, 2022

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Department of Child, Adolescent, and Family Studies (CAFS)

Name Change Approval

Dear Colleagues,

In the October 2021 meeting of the full-time faculty for the Department of Child, Adolescent, and Family Studies (CAFS), the faculty unanimously voted to change the name of the Department from “Child, Adolescent, and Family Studies (CAFS)” to the Department of “Human Development and Child, Adolescent, and Family Studies (HDCAFS).”

The rationale for this name change was to service the diverse program strands in which our students seek a B.A. degree aligned with employment opportunities in the fields of Human Development, Resource Management, Teacher Education and Early Childhood and Family Studies. Currently, our program description reads as follows:

Program Options and Paths

Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) Degree in Child, Adolescent, and Family Studies This program is geared towards students interested in working with children and their families in any of the following settings: preschool, childcare center, case management, criminal justice, Head Start, and the Department of Human Services. Students will earn a B.A. Degree in Child, Adolescent, and Family Studies.

To ensure that our students can apply for positions that cover the vast range of options available with a CAFS degree, we would like to ensure that our Department’s name reflects the diverse areas for which we serve as a feeder program.

Additionally, it should be noted that 4 out of our 6 full time faculty members hold degrees covered under the area of Human Development. The size of our Department is small, and therefore we cover a range of areas that other CSU’s have divided into separate departments. In alignment with other CSU’s, our department name should include the Human Development area as well as the Child, Adolescent, and Family Studies domain.