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Dear ASC Curriculum Committee Members:

Thank you for the opportunity to clarify the recent changes we have made to the *Food, Culture and Society Certificate*. The changes were motivated by the loss of SOCIOL 4463 Food and Inequality in the United States. Unfortunately, the instructor has left OSU and the Sociology department was unsure that another person would take the course on. Rather than moving forward with only 4 classes and potentially limit the ability of students to complete the certificate, we (the faculty teaching these courses, including Jeffrey Cohen, Christopher Otter, Rick Livingston, Angela Brintlinger, Harry Kashdan and Paloma Martinez-Cruz) expanded the courses available to our students.

In addition to

HISTORY 2702 Food in World History, COMPSTD 2420 American Food Cultures, WGSST 3101 Food & Gender and ANTHROP 5624 The Anthropology of Food: Culture, Society and Eating

We have added the following three classes:

FDSCTE 2200 The Science of Food

RUSSIAN 3530 Russian Cuisine in History, Literature and Culture

ANTH5614 Ethnobotany

FDSCTE is a class in the College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences (CFAES). The class is an opportunity to hopefully do some bridge building between our programs and to bring CFAES students into our classrooms.

The other classes will serve as options. Students will continue to select four courses to complete their certificate degree.

Thank you again for the opportunity to share our reasoning with the committee, if I can answer any additional questions, please let me know.

Sincerely