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Jeanne:

The proposal from the Department of Food Science and Technology to deactivate the Culinary Science major leading to the Bachelor of Science in Agriculture was approved by the Council on Academic Affairs at its meeting on July 17, 2025. Thank you for attending the meeting to respond to questions/comments.

No additional level of internal review/approval is necessary. This action will be included in the Council's next [Annual Activities Report](#) to the University Senate (July 2025).

My office will now work with you on the approval process with the Ohio Department of Higher Education.

The Office of the University Registrar will work with you with on any implementation issues.

Please keep a copy of this message for your file on the proposal and I will do the same for the file in the Office of Academic Affairs.

If you have any questions please contact the Chair of the Council, Professor Sue Sutherland (.43), or me.

Randy



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**Subject:** Deactivation of Culinary Science BS AGR  
**Date:** Wednesday, June 18, 2025 10:42:00 AM  
**Attachments:** [FST Deactivation of Culinary Science B.S..pdf](#)  
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Dear Dr. Smith,

The College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences is requesting Council on Academic Affairs approval for the deactivation of the Culinary Science BS AGR, currently offered in the Department of Food Science and Technology in the College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences. In their letter, the Department of Food Science and Technology cites low enrollment as the reason for proposed deactivation. Courses required to support the current students enrolled in the major will be managed so that the students are able to successfully complete their BS degree in this program. A corresponding proposal to revise the current Food Business Management BS AGR major to include a specialization in Culinary will be submitted separately.

This proposal has been approved by the Academic Affairs Committee of the Department of Food Science and Technology and by the College Academic Affairs Committee. Please let me know if any additional information is needed in support of this request.

Thank you,

Jeanne



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Date: May 5, 2025

To: CFAES Committee on Academic Affairs  
Jeanne Osborne, Assistant Deam for Academic Affairs

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Chair, Department of Food Science and Technology (FST)

CC: Chris Simons, Chair Academic Affairs, FST  
Monica Giusti, Associate Chair, FST

Re: Deactivation of Culinary Sciences B.S. degree

This letter is a request to deactivate the B.S. Culinary Sciences degree program due to low enrollment.

The Culinary Sciences B.S. curriculum will be reconfigured into a specialization under the Food Business Management B.S. administered by the Department of Food Science and Technology (FST).

Deactivating the B.S. Culinary Sciences major will have little impact on courses in FST.

The FST Department is committed to protecting the academic progress of students currently enrolled in the Culinary Sciences major. There are 13 students currently enrolled in the Culinary Sciences B.S. major; no new students will be enrolled. This proposed degree deactivation will not disrupt progress of current students toward their degree as they will be provided access to courses and experiences required to complete their program. No courses will be withdrawn.

For reference, the curricula sheets for the current Culinary Sciences major and proposed Food Business Management with Culinary Sciences specialization are included with this request.