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Subject: Proposal to deactivate the Food Science specialization of the Biochemical Sciences AS
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Carri and Jeanne:

The proposal from Ohio State ATI to deactivate the Food Science specialization of the Biochemical Sciences Associate of Science degree program was approved by the Council on Academic Affairs at its meeting on June 14, 2024. 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 2024).

The Office of the University Registrar will work you with 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 Fábio Leite (.11), or me.

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March 14, 2024

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Dear Ms. Osborne,

This letter is a request to deactivate the FOOD SCIENCE SPECIALIZATION of the BIOCHEMICAL SCIENCES Associate of Science degree program at Ohio State ATI.

Background

The Ohio State ATI Biochemical Sciences Associate of Science (AS) degree program with three specializations (Biology, Food Science, and Pre-Veterinary Medicine) was established in 2012. The Food Science specialization was easily assembled and delivered as Wooster was already a campus of offering for all courses (primarily general education classes). There were no unique courses in the curriculum. The 2+2 pathway from AS to Bachelor of Science (BS) for the Food Science specialization led (albeit slightly clumsily) to the Food Science and Technology program in the College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Science's Department of Food Science and Technology (FST).

At the GE change (AU22), the program was restructured following the goals below:

- The AS should mirror as close as possible the first 2 years of the BS; thus "No matter which CFAES campus a student starts on; they will have the same excellent experience."
- Major specific courses that occur in the first two years of the BS program should be included in the AS program, allowing students to progress with their cohort.
- Directed courses that fall into the BS "free elective" category should be avoided.
- If minor, minor equivalents, or major electives are in the first 2 years of the BS, it is appropriate to include them in the AS.

By mirroring the first two years of the Food Science and Technology BS and including major specific courses in the first two years, the Food Science specialization added four FST courses to the AS curriculum.

Enrollment History

Since the establishment of the Biochemical Sciences - Food Science specialization, enrollment has been consistent low. Prior to 2022, there were no unique courses in the Food Science specialization curriculum; thus, low enrollment in the program was not an issue. New student enrollment over the last five years: three students in 2019, two in 2020, three in 2021, one in 2022 and one in 2023. After 2022, with four major specific courses and lacking a food science specialist among the faculty, Ohio State ATI is challenged to address adequately the needs of the industry, to teach the specialized food science courses, and to promote the major.

Action Taken

Arts, Science, and Business Division faculty were cognizant of the current low enrollment, lack of food science staffing, and fiscal implication. *At the December 7, 2023, Arts, Science, and Business Division faculty meeting, the faculty approved the deactivation of the Biochemical Sciences – Food Science specialization. On January 26, 2024, the Ohio State ATI Academic Affairs Committee voted to approve this proposal. The Ohio State ATI faculty voted in favor of this proposal on February 9, 2024.*

Plans Ahead

We request the deactivation of the Biochemical Sciences – Food Science specialization AS major effective Autumn 2024.

Ohio State ATI is committed to protecting the academic progress of students. Currently, there is 1 first year and no continuing students enrolled in the Biochemical Sciences – Food Science specialization. No new students will be enrolled. This proposed program deactivation will not disrupt progress toward degree. Working closely with a faculty advisor and the Ohio State ATI academic affairs office, the student who is currently enrolled can complete an AS degree by successfully completing online FST and other courses (using substitutions).

Deactivating the Biochemical Sciences – Food Science specialization will have little impact on Ohio State ATI. The four unique FST courses, which have never been taught on our campus, will be removed from our bulletin.

Please let me know if there are questions or if additional information or documentation is required to accompany this submission. We look forward to hearing from the FAES Academic Affairs Committee regarding next steps in the approval process.

Sincerely,



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