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Re: Graduate Online Certificate in Organic Agriculture

Dear Curriculum Council,

As Director of the School of Language, Culture and Society, I am writing to express my support for the proposal for a new Online Graduate Certificate in Organic Agriculture Program in the College of Agricultural Sciences. I am especially pleased that some of our courses in Food in Culture and Social Justice and Anthropology are included in the Certificate. Even as a newcomer, I understand the importance of agriculture to the state of Oregon and I commend the efforts to create a healthier and more socially just food system through the expansion of organic agriculture. This certificate will allow place-bound practitioners to acquire the necessary tools to become organic producers and the background to understand why it is a good choice to make. It will also be available to a variety of students on the OSU campus.

Universities should be leaders in the providing evidence-based information that leads to societal well-being. I fully support the effort to create this program because it promises to do exactly that.

Sincerely,

Susan Bernardin

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