Hi Vickie,

I just uploaded the correct version [of the Food, Culture, and Social Justice undergraduate Category I proposal]. The easiest way to see the change is in the intro, copied here:

b. Brief overview (1-2 paragraphs) of the proposed program, including its disciplinary foundations and connections; program objectives; programmatic focus; degree, certificate, minor, and concentrations offered.

Food is more than simple nourishment. It is part of a system of communication firmly rooted in individual and group identities within diverse cultures around the world. When and how we eat, what is considered acceptable to eat, how we prepare it, and how we learn about securing, producing and eating food are all fascinating questions that have long been explored by humanists and social scientists. Histories of particular food commodities and changes in the way people think about sustaining healthy bodies richly contextualizes our present practices. Food practices within subcultures and social movements provide rich areas for cultural analysis. Food is also a key to power and examination of global and local food systems leads us into questions of social justice. Students will be asked to examine who in a given society has access to safe, culturally acceptable, nutritionally adequate food and how self-sufficient and sustainable food practices are. Not only will students examine these questions in the classroom, but they will also work with community food groups during a required one credit service learning experience.

The School of Language, Culture and Society (separate Abbreviated Category I proposal not yet submitted) proposes to offer interdisciplinary undergraduate and graduate certificates (which must be taken in conjunction with a degree program) and a graduate minor in Food, Culture and Social Justice in response to growing student and faculty interest in this area. This proposal is for an undergraduate certificate. The core will consist of courses in Anthropology, History, Ethnic Studies, and a team-taught course offered by faculty from diverse areas in the College of Agriculture and the College of Public Health and Human Sciences. Electives are divided evenly between coursework in other humanities and social science disciplines and coursework in Agriculture, Nutrition, Food Science and Public Health. This certificate does not purport to train students in the science of food production or health maintenance, but we hope to attract students across the university who are interested in exploring the vast food-related literature emanating from the social sciences and humanities and who desire a deeper understanding of power differentials in and across societies in order to help create socially just food systems in the future.