

2013 Manitoba Women's Institute Resolution:

Call to safeguard home economics/human ecology program of study

**Be it resolved that** Manitoba Women's Institute ask the Board of Governors, the Senate, the President, and the Chancellor of the University of Manitoba to ensure that within the proposed academic structural changes, the human ecology/home economics program of study is established in all aspects of the university system as a clearly identifiable program of study meeting the needs of the holistic, multi-faceted professional practice of home economics.

**Information:**

Home Economics is a professional practice legislated as such by Manitoba legislation, The Professional Home Economics Act (1990). The Home Economics/Human Ecology program is a multi-faceted education including Family Social Sciences, Interdisciplinary Health, Human Nutritional Sciences, Textile and Clothing Sciences. Home Economics/Human Ecology education includes theory and research related to knowledge translation, counseling, planning, program development, policy development, and research related to the family and household, using an adaptive approach rather than a pathology one. The university level Human Ecology/Home Economics program of study is critical to enable the continued credentialing for the practice of home economics professionals. This university program is also critical to enable continued and improved public educational programs that provide technically competent home economics teaching professionals. Labour market demand is strong for graduates with human ecology/home economics degrees and is nearing a critical point for qualified Home Economics teachers in the public school system.

At this time, the Human Ecology/Home Economics program of study is at risk under the University of Manitoba's Academic Structure Initiative.

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