

Call to Safeguard Home Economics/Human Ecology Program of Study

Proposed by Manitoba Association of Home Economists – Federate Member

- Whereas 1 Home Economics is a professional practice legislated as such by Manitoba legislation, *The Professional Home Economists Act* (1990). As with all such legislation, the purpose is to protect the public and ensure that practitioners are competent, qualified and ethical;
- Whereas 2 Home Economics/Human Ecology is a holistic, multi-faceted education including Family Social Sciences, Interdisciplinary Health, Human Nutritional Sciences, Textile and Clothing Sciences. It includes theory and research related to transferring knowledge, counseling, planning, program development, policy development and research related to the family and household using an adaptive approach.
- Whereas 3 The university level Home Economics/Human Ecology program of study is critical to enable continued and improved public educational programs that provide technically competent home economics teaching professionals;
- Whereas 4 Labour market demand is strong for graduates with Home Economics/Human Ecology degrees and is nearing a critical point for qualified Home Economics teachers in the public school system;
- Whereas 5 The Home Economics/Human Ecology program of study is at risk under the University of Manitoba's Academic Structure initiative; therefore be it
- Resolved 1** that the Provincial Council of Women of Manitoba adopt as policy support for Home Economics/Human Ecology as currently structured to remain as a distinct program of study at the University of Manitoba that is clearly identifiable to stakeholders both internal and external to the university, and be it further
- Resolved 2** that the Provincial Council of Women of Manitoba urge the President of the University of Manitoba to ensure that within its academic structural changes, the Home Economics/Human Ecology program of study is preserved 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.