Human Nutritional Sciences department to join Faculty of Agricultural and Food Sciences

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The following is a letter sent to Provost’s Council from Joanne Keselman, Vice-President (Academic) and Provost.

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Dear Provost’s Council:

As part of the University of Manitoba’s Academic Structure Initiative (ASI), on May 14, 2014, Senate approved in principle and recommended to the Board of Governors the joining of the Faculty of Human Ecology’s Department of Human Nutritional Sciences to the Faculty of Agricultural and Food Sciences. Subsequently, on May 20, 2014, the Board of Governors approved this recommendation. As such I am writing to inform you that, effective July 1, 2014, the Department of Human Nutritional Sciences will move to the Faculty of Agricultural and Food Sciences.

In order to maintain the unique health-oriented contribution that Human Nutritional Sciences brings to this new structure, the Department of Human Nutritional Sciences will retain department status in the Faculty of Agricultural and Food Sciences.

By bringing together the Department of Human Nutritional Sciences with the Faculty of Agricultural and Food Sciences, the University of Manitoba strengthens its leadership role in teaching, research and outreach to help build safe, healthy, just and sustainable food systems that can adapt to the rapid change our province, nation and the world are experiencing today.

Current and new Human Nutritional Sciences students will transition to the Faculty of Agricultural and Food Sciences for the Fall 2014 academic term. At this time, there will be no changes in program.
requirements or degree structure and students will continue to study and attend classes in the Human Ecology and Duff Roblin buildings. Any proposed changes to academic programs in the future will continue to follow the standard institutional processes already in place and will require the appropriate Senate and/or Board approvals.

Faculty and staff will transition to the Faculty of Agricultural and Food Sciences effective July 1, 2014. Research and teaching laboratories, teaching space and offices, student meeting and support spaces, and administrative spaces currently occupied or shared by the Department of Human Nutritional Sciences in the Human Ecology and Duff Roblin buildings will be maintained for its teaching, research and outreach functions. Any future changes would follow normal University space allocation processes.

In addition, plans are currently underway to announce this transition to alumni, donors and industry partners.

For continued information, please monitor the Academic Structure Initiative and the Human Nutritional Sciences webpages or UMToday.

Sincerely,

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Vice-President (Academic) and Provost