

Resolutions Passed at 2016 AGM

Eleanor Scarth, Chair of the Resolutions Committee, gave her report; delegates debated and voted on five proposed resolutions. All five resolutions were adopted:

Resolution 1

Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls: Ending the Marginalization of Indigenous Women in Canadian Society

Proposed by CFUW Barrie & District

RESOLVED that the Canadian Federation of University Women (CFUW) urge the Government of Canada to adopt and implement the recommendations of the Amnesty International 2004 report: *Stolen Sisters: Discrimination and Violence Against Indigenous Women in Canada*:

1. Acknowledge the seriousness of the problem.
2. Support research into the extent and causes of violence against Indigenous women.
3. Take immediate action to protect women at greatest risk.
4. Provide training and resources for police to make prevention of violence against Indigenous women a genuine priority.
5. Address the social and economic factors that lead to Indigenous women's extreme vulnerability to violence.
6. End the marginalization of Indigenous women in Canadian society.

RESOLVED that CFUW urge the Government of Canada to engage Indigenous women's organizations and other Indigenous leaders, as well as provincial and territorial governments, to develop and implement a plan to end the social and economic marginalization, discrimination and violence against Indigenous women and girls;

RESOLVED that CFUW urge the Government of Canada to present Canadians with a status report in Parliament outlining progress made and an action plan for the future, to end the marginalization of, and the violence against Indigenous women and girls by January 2018 and annually thereafter.

Resolution 2

Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD): Diagnosis, Intervention and Support Plan for Children, Adults and Families Affected by FASD

Proposed by CFUW Guelph and CFUW Kitchener-Waterloo

RESOLVED, That the Canadian Federation of University Women (CFUW) urge federal, provincial, territorial, regional and municipal governments of Canada to work together to develop, implement and fund comprehensive, multi-disciplinary, early recognition and diagnosis of FASD to be followed by individualized intervention and supports for children, youth and adults with fetal alcohol spectrum disorders (FASD) including:

1. On-going FASD-informed training for direct service professionals, including but not limited to:
 - a. Healthcare professionals
 - b. Education professionals
 - c. Social Service professionals
 - d. Child and Youth Care professionals, including adoption/child protection services
 - e. Law enforcement, justice and correctional system professionals
2. Lifetime support plans for all individuals affected by FASD
3. FASD-informed support, respite and education for families, including foster families
4. FASD-informed policies for correctional and treatment facilities
5. Culturally sensitive support for Indigenous (First Nations, Inuit and *Métis*) Peoples, on and off reserve, with consideration given to recommendations in the Truth and Reconciliation Commission.

Resolution 3

To Strengthen the Pest Management Regulatory Agency of Health Canada in its Mandate to Approve, Register and Monitor Pesticides, in a timely manner, as well as to protect the health of Canadians and the environment

Proposed by CFUW Owen Sound and Area

RESOLVED, That the Canadian Federation of University Women (CFUW) strongly recommends that the Government of Canada ensure that the Pest Management Regulatory Agency (PMRA) of Health Canada continue to implement the recommendations of the 2015 Audit Report of the Commissioner of the Environment and Sustainable Development to completion, within the time frame of March 2018.

RESOLVED, That the CFUW strongly urges the Government of Canada to ensure that the PMRA of Health Canada will include independent, impartial arms-length research, including medical evaluation, when assessing pesticide applications for its approval.

RESOLVED, That the CFUW strongly urges the Government of Canada to ensure that the PMRA has a sufficient budget so that it can fulfill its mandate of registering pesticides for use in Canada that will be effective as well as prevent unacceptable risk to people and the environment from the use of these pesticides.

RESOLVED, That the CFUW strongly recommends that the Government of Canada review and revise the member composition of the Pest Management Advisory Council of Health Canada to ensure the inclusion of experts who are well qualified to assess human-health risks of pesticide use and avoid unacceptable risk.

RESOLVED, That the CFUW urges that the Government of Canada ensures that the PMRA of Health Canada will publish, on the Public Registry, current, up-to-date information about approved pesticides, conditional registrations and their mitigating measures, re-evaluation decisions and products that have been removed from the market.

Resolution 4

Electoral Reform: Changing the First Past the Post Electoral System to Proportional Representation in Canada

Proposed by CFUW Leaside – East York and CFUW Etobicoke

RESOLVED, That the Canadian Federation of University Women (CFUW) urge the Government of Canada to reform the electoral system by adopting a proportional representation (PR) model to ensure that each party's share of the seats in the Parliament reflects the popular vote.

RESOLVED, That CFUW call upon the Government of Canada to proceed with a process for selecting and implementing a PR model that is transparent, adequately resourced, and involves, but is not limited to:

1. Consultation with electoral reform experts;
2. Public consultations and ongoing dialogue with citizens;
3. Public education throughout the process, during implementation and post implementation;

An unbiased and transparent review of the new electoral system after elections take place under the new system.

Resolution 5

Sustainable Development Goals, also known as Global Goals *Proposed by CFUW Standing Committee on Advocacy, CFUW Standing Committee on International Relations, CFUW Standing Committee on Education*

RESOLVED, That the Canadian Federation of University Women urge the Government of Canada to uphold its commitment to the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), also known as Global Goals, both in Canada and internationally, to ensure that the established targets of these goals are accelerated and achieved before 2030, by, including but not limited to,

Increasing its Official Development Assistance (ODA) to 0.7 % of Gross National Income (GNI) as adopted by a resolution of the UN General Assembly in 1970, and

1. Ensuring that any country/state receiving aid
2. Is involved in the planning and delivery of identified aid,
3. Is accountable for their adherence to the implementation of the SDGs,
4. Guarantees that women have leadership roles within the process;
5. Implementing achievable, realistic plans of action for Canada, that have been developed in conjunction with provinces, territories, municipalities, Indigenous nations and civil society, that are published and promoted; and

Developing mechanisms to ensure accountability for money spent and progress achieved, both nationally and internationally.