

**THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-EXTENSION
UNIVERSITY COMMITTEE**

**RESOLUTION ON THE IMPORTANCE OF
MAINTAINING FACULTY POSITIONS**

WHEREAS the faculty shall have the primary responsibility for academic and educational activities and faculty personnel matters as affirmed by Wisconsin statute 36.09 (4),

WHEREAS faculty are core to developing scholarly programs and foundational to the future of Extension, reducing faculty may impact academic professionalism and the high standards of scholarship that all divisions of UW-Extension are well known for throughout the state and reduce our ability to serve the citizens of Wisconsin,

WHEREAS budget reductions are causing UW-Extension administration to develop new staffing models that may have the potential of adversely affecting faculty positions,

WHEREAS fewer faculty positions reduce the long term institutional memory and stability of UW-Extension and will threaten the ability of bodies such as the Faculty Senate to be effective and integral parts of the university governance system,

WHEREAS faculty have the right affirmed by state statutes to work with administration from a governance standpoint to develop staffing model alternatives,

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the University of Wisconsin-Extension Faculty Senate shall play an active role in creating staffing models that help ensure current faculty positions are maintained and that new positions are faculty appointments.

Approved at the October 11, 2011 meeting
of University of Wisconsin-Extension
University Committee

