

# THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

## *Regents Communication*

### ACTION REQUEST

Approved by the Regents

July 21, 2006

**Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement**

**Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir**

**Renate McLaughlin, Ph.D.**, provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs and professor of mathematics in the College of Arts and Sciences at the University of Michigan-Flint, will retire from active faculty status on August 31, 2006.


Professor McLaughlin obtained her Vordiplom in Mathematik from the University of Münster, Germany, in 1963, and her A.M. and Ph.D. degrees from the University of Michigan in 1964 and 1968, respectively. She joined the University of Michigan-Flint faculty as an assistant professor in 1968 and was promoted to associate professor in 1971 and professor in 1975. She served as associate provost and then interim provost in 1977, and was appointed provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs in 1998.

Professor McLaughlin was a dedicated teacher and a role model for women students of mathematics, teaching almost every course offered by the Mathematics Department. She was the first faculty member in the department to advocate and use technology as an effective pedagogical tool and has made substantial contributions to the regional mathematical community. Professor McLaughlin wrote two books, one book chapter, one book translation, and many journal articles. She served three years as chair of the Mathematics Department, chaired numerous UM-Flint standing committees, chaired the Faculty Assembly, and was faculty editor of the UM-Flint *Catalog*.

Professor McLaughlin served as chair of the Michigan Section of the Mathematical Association of America (MAA) in 1991-92. Her honors include the Michigan Section of the MAA 2000 Distinguished Service Award and the UM-Flint Distinguished Service Award in 1990 and 1996. In 2005, the student government honored her by establishing the Renate McLaughlin Academic Achievement Award.

The Regents now salute this distinguished faculty member by naming **Renate McLaughlin provost and vice chancellor emerita for academic affairs and professor emerita of mathematics**.

**Requested by:**

  
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Sally J. Churchill  
Vice President and Secretary of the University

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