

# THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

## *Regents Communication*

### **ACTION REQUEST**

**Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement**

**Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir**

**Sue A. Woestehoff, Ph.D.**, professor of education in the School of Education and Human Services at the University of Michigan-Flint, retired from active faculty status on December 31, 2005.

Professor Woestehoff received her B.S., M.A., and Ph.D. degrees from the University of Minnesota in 1964, 1965, and 1969, respectively. She joined the University of Michigan-Flint faculty as a lecturer in 1969 and was promoted to assistant professor in 1971, associate professor in 1975, and professor in 1982.

Professor Woestehoff's research and publications focused on children's literature and language arts. Within the school, she served three terms as chair of the Department of Education (1976-78, 1986-89, and 1999-2001), played a major role in the development of the graduate program, and coordinated the state periodic review process. She chaired the College of Arts and Sciences Dean Search Committee and the School of Education and Human Services Academic Affairs Advisory Committee, served several terms on the College of Arts and Sciences Executive Committee, and was a founding member of the executive committee of the School of Education and Human Services. She also served on the Academic Affairs Advisory Committee of the Senate Advisory Committee on University Affairs.

Within the broader professional community, Professor Woestehoff held a number of positions in the National Council of Teachers of English (NCTE), including president of the Children's Literature Assembly, chair of the Committee on Storytelling, and member of both the board of directors and the literature commission. She also co-edited a book on storytelling published by NCTE. Professor Woestehoff's honors include the Distinguished Teaching Award from the University of Michigan-Flint and the Distinguished Faculty Award from the Michigan Association of Governing Boards.

The Regents now salute this dedicated faculty member by naming **Sue A. Woestehoff professor emerita of education**.

**Requested by:**



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**Sally J. Churchill**  
Vice President and Secretary of the University

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