

# THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

*Regents Communication*

## ACTION REQUEST

**Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement**

**Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir**

**Karen K. Wixson, Ph.D.**, professor of education in the School of Education, will retire from active faculty status on June 30, 2011.

Professor Wixson received her B.S. degree from the University of Wisconsin-Madison in 1972, her M.S.Ed degree from the State University of New York at Binghamton in 1975, and her M.S. and Ph.D. degrees from Syracuse University in 1978 and 1980, respectively. She joined the University of Michigan faculty as an assistant professor in 1980, and was promoted to associate professor in 1985 and professor in 1991.

Professor Wixson has published widely in the areas of literacy curriculum, instruction, and assessment in books and journals, including the *Reading Research Quarterly*, *The Reading Teacher*, *Elementary School Journal*, *Review of Research in Education*, and the *Handbook of Reading Research*. She is also an author of the Scott Foresman reading program and co-author of a popular text on the assessment and instruction of reading and writing problems.

Following service as associate dean (1996-98) and interim dean (1998-99), Professor Wixson served as dean of the School of Education from 2000-2005. She co-directed the federally funded Michigan English Language Arts Framework standards project, and served as co-director and principal investigator in the Center for the Improvement of Early Reading Achievement (CIERA). She has been a long-time consultant to the National Assessment of Educational Progress reading tests, a member of several National Research Council committees, and a member of the extended work for the Common Core English-Language Arts standards. She served as a member of the Board of Directors of both the National Reading Conference and the International Reading Association, and as co-chair of the Reading Association's Commission on Response to Intervention.

The Regents now salute this distinguished faculty member by naming **Karen K. Wixson professor emerita of education and dean emerita.**

**Requested by:**

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

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