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### **WLU professor chairs committee on status of women at universities**

*Waterloo (Oct. 29)* — Martha Keniston Laurence, a professor of social work at Wilfrid Laurier University in Waterloo, has been appointed chair of the Council of Ontario Universities' committee on the status of women in Ontario universities.

The 10-member committee develops policy recommendations for university presidents regarding the position and experiences of women at all levels of Ontario universities.

A member of the COU's status of women committee last year, Laurence has been a member of the Canadian Research Institute for the Advancement of Women for more than 10 years and served on the Ontario Council on Graduate Studies' appraisals committee for three years. She is one of the organizers of the national bi-annual conference "Women and Therapy: Healing and Social Change" at the University of Guelph.

Her research focuses on women in organizations and organizational change.

Laurence joined Laurier in 1985. She holds a bachelor of science from Springfield College in Massachusetts, a bachelor of social work from the University of Toronto, a master of social work from Wayne State University in Detroit, and a PhD in processes of interpersonal and organizational change from The University of Michigan.

The Council of Ontario Universities is an advocacy, research, and communications organization representing the interests of 20 post-secondary institutions in Ontario.