Biographical sketch: Joan (née Biggar) Mount, worked at Laurentian University for over 37 years, first as a professional librarian and later as a professor of Commerce. She also held various administrative positions at the University, most notably as Dean of the Faculty of Professional Schools.

In 1969, after obtaining a Bachelor in Library Science from U of Toronto in 1967, Mount was hired as a professional librarian by Laurentian and she worked in the Library until 1981, when, after obtaining a Diploma of Business Administration (cum laude) at Laurentian, she decided to continue her postgraduate education in business. The following year completed her MBA (cum laude) at the U of Toronto (1982) and in 1989 she obtained her PhD in Management (Consumer Behaviour), also at the University of Toronto.

In 1984 Mount returned at Laurentian University as Professor at the School of Commerce. In 1986, she became the first woman Speaker at the University Senate, a position she held until 1989. In 1990 she was elected Director of the School of Graduate Studies for a one year term, and a year later commended a two-year term as Joint Chair of the team creating a ‘Comprehensive Strategic Plan for Laurentian University’. Between 1994 to 2002 she served as Dean of the Faculty of Professional Schools. Between 1997 and 2000 when the Faculty of Professional Schools was ‘merged’ with the Faculty of Science and Engineering, she held the Position of Dean of Sciences and the Professions, the first female to head the Science faculty at Laurentian.

In 2002 until her retirement in 2006, Dr. Mount taught at Laurentian University in the School of Commerce.

Scope and content: Joan Mount fonds consists of documents relating to her administrative roles at Laurentian University as well as her involvement in the Faculty Association. Files document the different aspects of her role as Dean and give insights on the decision making at the administrative level of the institution. The fonds contains files on Laurentian University sports teams as well as the structure of the administration, strategic planning and development of programs. Files documenting her publications are also included in the fonds.

Note: This fonds is not processed

Immediate source of acquisition: Joan Mount donated her records in 2016.

Language(s) of material: Documents are in English and some documents are in French

Restrictions on access: Restriction may apply to some records

Terms governing use and reproduction/publication: Copyright regulations apply to the records.

Accruals: A first accrual was received in June 2016. A second accrual was received in September 2017. No more accruals expected.

Finding Aid: A preliminary list is available in the Laurentian University Archives

Related material: Laurentian University fonds may contain related materials.