

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Regents Communication

ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement

Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir


Jeffrey K. Liker, Ph.D., professor of industrial and operations engineering in the College of Engineering, retired from active faculty status on May 31, 2017.

Professor Liker received his B.S.E. degree from Northeastern University in 1976 and his M.A. and Ph.D. degrees from the University of Massachusetts at Amherst in 1978 and 1980, respectively. He joined the University of Michigan faculty as an assistant professor in 1982, and was promoted to associate professor in 1988, and professor in 2000.

In the Department of Industrial and Operations Engineering (IOE), Professor Liker created courses in the areas of engineering and lean management, which continue to be among the most popular courses offered. He co-founded the Japan Technology Management Program, which has brought in over \$6 million in funding to the University and led to a quasi-endowment for IOE worth over \$700,000. He also chaired or co-chaired the committees of 28 successful Ph.D. students. Professor Liker's publication record has been exceptional. He authored 65 peer-reviewed journal articles in the leading scholarly publications. Professor Liker also published 15 books, including the international best seller *The Toyota Way: Fourteen Management Secrets from the World's Greatest Manufacturer* (2004), which has been printed in 26 languages and sold over 950,000 copies. His articles and books have won 13 Shingo Prizes for Research Excellence and also won the 2005 Institute of Industrial Engineers Book of the Year Award and the 2007 Sloan Industry Studies Book of the Year Award. He was inducted into the Association of Manufacturing Excellence Hall of Fame in 2012 and the Shingo Academy in 2016.

The Regents now salute this distinguished faculty member by naming **Jeffrey K. Liker, professor emeritus of industrial and operations engineering**.

Requested by:



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