

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN  
*Regents Communication*

**ACTION REQUEST**

**Subject:** Report of Faculty Retirement

**Action Requested:** Adoption of Retirement Memoir

**F. Brian Talbot, Ph.D.**, David B. Hermelin Professor of Business Administration and professor of operations management in the Stephen M. Ross School of Business, will retire from active faculty status on May 31, 2011.

Professor Talbot received his B.A. degree from the State University of New York at Buffalo in 1967, his M.B.A. degree from the State University of New York at Albany in 1969, and his Ph.D. degree from The Pennsylvania State University in 1976. He joined the University of Michigan faculty as an assistant professor in 1977, and was promoted to associate professor in 1982, and professor in 1989. He was appointed the David B. Hermelin Professor of Business Administration in 2004.

Professor Talbot has made outstanding professional contributions to the field of manufacturing education and research. He has consulted with major manufacturing firms, including General Electric, Steelcase, Westinghouse, and Coca-Cola, and has maintained a strong record of publishing and presenting his work. He has served as associate editor of *Management Science*, and has been a member of the editorial review board of the *Journal of Operations Management* and the board of the Operations Management Association. Within the Ross School, Professor Talbot is known as an excellent teacher who has received consistently high ratings from students. He has been one of the key faculty leaders in the school's executive education programs and has served as a doctoral advisor, an executive committee member, chair of the operations management area, associate dean from 1998-2002, and as interim director of the Graham Institute from 2005-09. Professor Talbot also served as senior counselor to the provost in 2008.

The Regents now salute this distinguished faculty member by naming **F. Brian Talbot professor emeritus of operations management**.

**Requested by:**



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**Sally J. Churchill, J.D.**

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