THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Regents Communication

ACTION REQUEST

Subject:

Report of Faculty Retirement

Action Requested:

Adoption of Retirement Memoir

Thomas J. Schriber, Ph.D., professor of technology and operations in the Stephen M. Ross School of Business, will retire from active faculty status on May 31, 2016.

Professor Schriber received his B.S. (1957) degree from the University of Notre Dame. He received his M.S.E. (1958), M.A. (1959), and Ph.D. (1964) degrees from the University of Michigan. He joined the University of Michigan faculty as an assistant professor in 1966, and was promoted to associate professor in 1969, and professor in 1972.

Professor Schriber's innovative research focused on discrete-event simulation. He harnessed this methodology to build computer-based models of systems, conduct experiments on these models, and ultimately draw inferences about the behavior of the systems being modeled. Professor Schriber's simulation research encompassed a broad set of activities, including the design and implementation of modeling languages, the verification and validation of models, the visualization of systems through the animation of models, the analysis of input to simulation models, the statistical design of experiments, the statistical analysis of the output, the education of simulation modelers and simulation consumers, and the effective delivery of simulation results to high-level decision makers. He authored a number of influential journal articles, books, and monographs, including Simulation Using GPSS (1974), The Nature and Role of Simulation in the Design of Manufacturing Systems (1986), and An Introduction to Simulation Using GPSSIH (1991). Professor Schriber also has a well-deserved reputation as a committed and passionate instructor. He received the Victor L. Bernard Faculty Award for Leadership in Teaching from the Stephen M. Ross School of Business in 2013.

The Regents now salute this distinguished faculty member by naming **Thomas J. Schriber**, professor emeritus of technology and operations.

Requested by:

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