

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Regents Communication

ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement
Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir


C. Peethambaran Kartha, Ph.D., David M. French Professor and professor of quantitative methods in the University of Michigan-Flint School of Management, retired from active faculty status on December 31, 2018.

Professor Kartha received his B.Sc. (1962) degree from the University of Kerala, his M.Sc. (1966) degree from the Indian Agricultural Research Institute, and his M.S. (1969) and Ph.D. (1973) degrees from the University of Wisconsin. He served on the faculty of the University of Notre Dame from 1973-79. He joined the University of Michigan-Flint faculty as an associate professor in 1979, and was promoted to professor in 1984. He was named the David M. French Professor in 2005.

Professor Kartha's teaching and research interests focused on the areas of statistics, management science, operations management, and quality management systems. As a member of the task force that developed the M.B.A. degree program in the School of Management, he was responsible for the curriculum development of the program. He was also an active participant in the university's study abroad program. More recently, Professor Kartha focused his research on international quality standards and total quality management areas. He served as a member of the Board of Examiners for the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award in 1991 and 1992. He also served as a senior examiner for the Michigan Quality Leadership Award for several years since its inception in 1994. In 1996, at a time when suppliers in the Flint area were mandated to be ISO 9000 certified by the big three automotive manufacturers, Professor Kartha created a network for area small business organizations to provide guidance and assistance in obtaining certification with a Michigan Research Excellence Grant. He received UM-Flint's Faculty Achievement Award for Scholarly and Creative Activities in 1986 and the Faculty Achievement Award for Distinguished Service in 1991.

The Regents now salute this distinguished faculty member by naming **C. Peethambaran Kartha, David M. French Professor Emeritus and professor emeritus of quantitative methods.**

Requested by:



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