Regents Communication

ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement

Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir

Wallace (Wally) Hopp, Ph.D., C.K. Prahalad Distinguished University Professor of Business and Engineering and professor of technology and operations in the Stephen M. Ross School of Business and professor of industrial and operations engineering in the College of Engineering, retired from active faculty status on May 31, 2024.

Professor Hopp received his Ph.D. degree in industrial and operations engineering from the University of Michigan in 1984. He spent 23 years on the engineering and business faculties at Northwestern University before rejoining the University of Michigan faculty as a professor of technology and operations and professor of industrial and operations engineering in 2007.

Professor Hopp’s teaching and research focused on the design, control, and management of operations, with emphasis on manufacturing and supply chain systems, innovation processes, and health care systems. In addition to publishing over 100 papers in the most elite journals in his field, he authored three books, Factory Physics (1996), Supply Chain Science (2008), and Hospital Operations (2012), which have been translated into multiple languages and used as both texts and managerial resources around the world. He has received many recognitions for his work, including election as a fellow of five professional societies (IIE, INFORMS, MSOM, POMS, SME) and election to the National Academy of Engineering, as well as best teacher awards at both Northwestern and Michigan.

Wally has held a wide range of leadership roles including editor-in-chief of the journal Management Science (2003-2008), president of the Production and Operations Management Society (2009-2010), and senior associate dean of the Ross School of Business (2011-2015). He also directed several established degree programs and led the design and launch of the B.S. in manufacturing engineering at Northwestern (1992) and the online MBA at Michigan (2019). His public service included chairing the National Academies Committee on Building Resilience into the Nation’s Medical Product Supply Chain (2022) for the U.S. Congress.

The Regents now salute this distinguished teacher and scholar for his dedicated service by naming Wallace (Wally) Hopp, C.K. Prahalad Distinguished University Professor Emeritus of Business and Engineering, professor emeritus of technology and operations, and professor emeritus of industrial and operations engineering.

Requested by:

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