

Vincent Anthony Mabert

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Professor Vince Mabert has dedicated 35 years to academia, 29 of which have been at Indiana University and the Kelley School of Business. He is a professor of operations management in the Department of Operations and Decision Technologies at the Kelley School, and also holds the John and Esther Reese Professorship. For these 29 years he has been one of the pillars of the Kelley School and a key faculty member. His influence can be felt in all of the programs of both the department and school. It is hard to imagine what the Department of Operations and Decision Technologies and the Kelley School will be like without Vince. He has been a valuable colleague and a mentor to many of us.

Professor Mabert, a native of Cleveland, Ohio, earned his B.S., M.B.A., and Ph.D. degrees from The Ohio State University (OSU), where he studied under Professor Larry Ritzman, one of the leading academics in operations management. Professor Mabert's first academic appointment was at Purdue University's Krannert School, where he was on the faculty for four years. After that, he spent two years at Bowling Green State University before joining Indiana University in 1979. Professor Mabert has also taught at the University of Ljubljana in Slovenia and OSU as a visitor. In addition, he has taught in numerous executive development programs, both in the United States and Europe, and has consulted for the Rand Corporation on supply chain management issues for the United States military.

Professor Mabert's research and teaching have focused on operations and supply chain management. His major academic contributions have been in research. He is widely recognized as a leading contributor to the field and has published over 85 articles in the areas of workforce planning, order scheduling, enterprise resource planning systems, new product development, and manufacturing system design. During the early part of his career he focused on the back office operations of financial institutions, researching check processing and credit card and manpower planning issues. His more recent attention has been on supply chain design and sourcing problems for global operations. His articles have appeared in many leading journals including *Journal of Operations Management*, *Management Science*, *Decision Sciences*, *the Academy of Management Journal*, *IIE Transactions*, and *Accounting Review*, among others. In addition, he has served as a special editor or co-editor for several journals including *Journal of Operations Management*, *Decision Sciences*, *IIE Transactions*, and *Business Horizons*.

Professor Mabert has taught undergraduate, M.B.A., and doctoral students, in addition to having directed 19 doctoral dissertations at the Kelley School of Business. One of Vince's major contributions to teaching has been his various educational materials that have been used both at Kelley and other business schools throughout the world. These include three casebooks focusing on operational problems and decision making, three reading books

dealing with production planning and inventory management theory and practice, and three monographs dealing with demand planning and labor scheduling. In addition, he has developed a number of cases that have been widely used in many business schools.

Another of Professor Mabert's key contributions has been international activities. He has been very active in many of Kelley's international programs. He twice served as the resident director for the Kelley School of Business's overseas study program in Maastricht in the Netherlands. He has taught in many international executive programs. He is currently the director of the master's program in global supply chain management, and has been leading Kelley's efforts in expanding this program into China and India. After working on this initiative for almost a year, he will be teaching our inaugural class in China this spring semester. It is only fitting that Professor Mabert is going to teach this first class!

Over the course of his career at IU, Professor Mabert has held a number of administrative and leadership positions. He was the chairperson of the Department of Operations Management and Systems Management for three years and of the Department of Operations Management for five years. He also served as the associate dean for administration for the Kelley School for a year. In the early 1990s, Professor Mabert was the director of the Indiana Manufacturing Excellence Roundtable and the co-director of the Global Experience Program. Both of these organizations provided invaluable outreach to Indiana and global companies for Kelley faculty and students. In fact, many of these companies still maintain close ties with the Kelley School and the Department of Operations and Decision Technologies.

Professor Mabert has been very active in a number of professional societies as well. He has held executive positions in a number of these organizations, including Industrial Engineering, INFORMS, APICS, and Decision Sciences. He is currently vice president of the Harvey Foundation and a fellow of the Decision Sciences Institute.

Vince has been married to Bonnie Joyce (Newlin) from West Lafayette for 33 years, and they have enjoyed many international experiences together. He is the proud father of Jason Michael and Christine Elizabeth. Michael lives in Danville, Virginia, and Christine in Flagler Beach, Florida. Joyce and Vince have two very special grandchildren, Hannah Christine and Landon Joseph.

After 29 years in the Kelley School, Vince is going to be missed.

Congratulations on a superb career!

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