

## **Abbreviated Biography of James K. Weeks**

JAMES K. WEEKS is Professor of Information Systems and Operations Management and Dean, Joseph M. Bryan School of Business and Economics, at The University of North Carolina at Greensboro. Professor Weeks earned his BA from Methodist College, his MBA from East Carolina University, and his Ph.D. in Business Administration from the University of South Carolina. Since then he has taught undergraduate, MBA, and executive development courses at the University of Delaware and at The University of North Carolina at Greensboro (UNCG).

Under his leadership as Dean, the Bryan School has expanded international programs and activities, added information technology management programs, and enhanced the infusion of information technology across all programs. This internationalization of the School includes the establishment of a Center for Global Business Education and Research, an undergraduate degree in international business studies, a dual MBA degree program with a non-U.S. business school, and bi-lateral agreements for student and faculty exchanges with fifteen non-U.S. business schools. In addition, Dean Weeks has traveled abroad to negotiate exchange and joint program agreements and as a member of state-wide trade missions. The Bryan School offers the only MS in Information Technology and Management (MSITM) and post-MBA Certificate in Information Technology Management programs in NC. The Bryan School is a member of SAP's University Alliance and is infusing hands-on experience with ERP in all undergraduate programs and the MSITM and MBA programs.

His major professional interests are in the areas of operations management. He has published numerous articles and a book and has given many presentations on operations, materials, and manufacturing management. He has received national recognition for his research and service to the profession.

He has served as an AACSB advisor for schools in pre-candidacy, candidacy, initial accreditation, and reaffirmation of accreditation; as a team member for schools in initial accreditation and reaffirmation of accreditation; and, as chair of teams for school in initial accreditation.

He has consulted with major corporations and has conducted several seminars and management development programs throughout the nation for a variety of universities and business organizations. His management development seminars and consulting have been primarily in the areas of manufacturing strategy, world-class competitiveness, materials management (including Just-In-Time), and strategic planning. Past clients include such firms as American Cyanamid, Dow Chemical, Ciba-Geigy (Novartis), IBM, General Electric, Signetics, Rockwell International, La Z Boy, Pella, Geneva Corp., Guilford Mills, Pirelli Armstrong Tire, Purolator Products, and Spartanburg Steel Products. He currently has ongoing strategic planning and management consulting relationships with several firms. He also has served as an expert witness and consultant for several legal firms.

He has been an active member of several local business and economic, educational, civic, and religious organizations. He serves as a member of the First Union Greensboro Board of Directors, as President of the Canterbury School Board of Trustees, and on advisory councils and boards of closely held regional business firms. He has served: as a Board member of the Greensboro Kiwanis Club, of the Greensboro Merchants Association, and on the Piedmont Triad Partnership Board of Directors; on the Greensboro Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors' Executive Committee; on the United Way Campaign Leadership Team; as a Community Advisor for the Junior League; and, as a Vestry member and Senior Warden of St. Francis Episcopal Church.