Dear Dean:

Greetings! We would like to share with you our growing regard for Production and Operations Management, the flagship journal of the Production and Operations Management Society.

The journal’s inaugural issue was published in 1992. Its editorial board includes senior executives and almost all of the academic leaders in production and operation management. Its coverage includes management of technology, quality and benchmarking, productivity, manufacturing, projects, service operations, and logistics. The journal attempts to address the issues that are of great interest to executives. Its next special issue, edited by Wickham Skinner of Harvard, will focus on manufacturing strategy. Later this year, the journal will publish a special issue on global supply chains to be edited by Hau Lee of Stanford. In 1994 and 1995, it published two special issues on total quality management.

In our judgment, Production and Operations Management has become one of the leading research journals in the POM field, and appears to be getting better and better. We encourage your POM faculty to submit articles to it, and we encourage you to consider it as one of the top-tier journals when making retention, promotion, and tenure decisions. Two indications of its quality are that its editorial board includes almost all of the academic leaders in production and operations management, and that a number of leading scholars from a wide range of universities have chosen to publish their work in it. Each paper goes through blind reviews by at least three referees and the acceptance rate is about 9 percent. The enclosed sheet gives a distribution of institutions of authors.

If you have additional questions, please contact any of us or the journal’s Editor-in-Chief, Dr. Kalyan Singhal at the above address.

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