Professor Ralph D. Rust began his affiliation with Sinclair Community College in 1965 and has served the college faithfully for thirty years. He became the first Chair of the Accounting Department in 1970.

Professor Ralph Rust has contributed to the Accounting Department and to Sinclair Community College through his outstanding teaching and his leadership in bringing computer education to his students. As a teacher, Professor Rust's high standards and knowledge of his discipline inspired students to excel. His quality of work has been excellent because he has always been willing to lead, to serve students, and to serve the college and the community.

Professor Rust developed many of the accounting courses, such as cost accounting and auditing. He developed the computer courses in the accounting curriculum. He was also the founder of the Accounting Club. He started the first computer-based spreadsheet course at Sinclair (VisiCalc and Apple IIe's), and integrated many software and hardware iterations into the curriculum over the years, including Lotus and Excel.

Students were always the first priority with Professor Rust. He devoted countless hours to helping students achieve and was in his office working with students well beyond the normal office hours. Professor Rust loaned students books, advised, counseled and tutored students throughout his long and distinguished career.

Professor Ralph Rust was an active member of the Financial Executives Institute, the Ohio Society of CPAs, the American Institute of CPAs, the American Accounting Association, and the Ohio Association of Two-Year College Accounting Faculty. He served on the Board of Directors of the Financial Executives Institute and various committees of the Dayton Chapter of CPAs. He is truly deserving of the title, Professor Emeritus.