Professor Robert E. Reas joined Sinclair’s accounting department in 1968 and served this college for 39 years, 27 of them as Accounting Chairperson.

Bob was a pioneer in individualized instruction and College Without Walls. Bob was one of the first three faculty at Sinclair to teach a class in Sinclair’s Interactive Classroom, launched the Accounting Department’s first TV Sinclair videotape course, and brought the Accounting Department’s first class online. In 1999, Bob received a Learning Challenge Grant to work on Computer Assisted Instruction in Accounting. Because of the innovations in accounting education at Sinclair under Bob’s leadership, the accounting department received The Program Excellence Award, which brought Sinclair a $137,560 grant, which was used to start the Multimedia Accounting Program.

In 2006, the accounting department went through a major change in the accounting principles curriculum as it converted three 3-credit hour courses into two 5-credit hour courses to meet the requirement of Ohio’s Transfer Agreement initiative. Bob served on the three person team that created the new web courses.

Bob was also a forerunner in the college in the implementation of proficiency testing as a means of documenting prior learning, and was dedicated to cooperative education, promoting this experiential learning strategy to accounting students. Bob was an active member of the Ohio Cooperative Education Association, the Midwest Cooperative Education Association, the American Accounting Association, the Ohio Society of CPAs and the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants.

Bob worked with faculty at Sinclair and across the state to start the Ohio Two-Year College Accounting Faculty.

Bob was one of eleven faculty in the state of Ohio appointed to a special advisory committee to the Ohio Board of Regents charged with studying and proposing ways to enhance undergraduate education. The committee was established under a FIPSE (Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education) grant. At the culmination of Bob’s work on this two year project, the committee produced a report for the Ohio Legislature entitled Undergraduate Education Enhancement Program.
Bob was active in leadership of the Department Chairpersons Council (DCC), he served as Acting Dean for Sinclair’s Business Division for a six month period in 1980 and then again in 1984.

Bob held leadership positions in both the 1988 and 1997 NCA Accreditation Self-Study Reports. He served two terms on faculty senate, and served on numerous search committees for faculty and staff positions throughout the college.