Professor Gail Cope taught at Sinclair Community College for 36 years, from 1972 to 2008. As a full-time faculty member, Gail Cope was instrumental in the adoption and installation of Word Processing in the Business Information Systems Department (BIS) curriculum when it was still the Secretarial Department, advancing the departmental evolution from Secretarial to Office Information Systems (OIS) and eventually the current Business Information Systems Department. Gail was a pivotal person in the setup of the Word Processing Center and continued this process when Microsoft Office Suite was introduced into the curriculum.

Gail’s work outside of the classroom included the following: she served as Secretary of the Faculty Senate, served on the Curriculum Review Committee, the Business Division Merit Committee, various faculty screening committees, the Fall Conference Committee, various committees in Accreditations, worked in the Corporate Training Division and custom-developed courses for various businesses in the Dayton area. Gail served as Chair of the OIS Department and coordinated a Departmental Job Training Partnership Act (JTPA) program (obtaining a grant for the JTPA program). Gail co-developed a series of Customer Service courses and modules within the BIS department. She mentored many part-time faculty. When Distance Learning was introduced on the campus Gail was one of the first departmental members to develop BIS Distance Learning courses. Gail taught workshops at NCR in team building, time management and professionalism. She taught various Business Etiquette, Professionalism and Time Management workshops on campus through Staff Development. Gail did editing work for textbook publishing companies (Prentice-Hall and Course Technology). Gail attended many conferences and workshops and served as guest speaker at a variety of conferences (Professional Secretaries International, and OBTA, as examples. Gail was also a NISOD winner.

Although Gail contributed so much to the college with her service on committees and curriculum development, it was ALWAYS Gail’s commitment to her students that set her apart. There are a number of Gail’s students who have chosen to become teachers because of Gail’s inspiration and encouragement. One of those former students is a full-time faculty member now in the BIS Department, attributing her decision to become a teacher to Gail Cope. Gail’s students have stayed in contact with her throughout the years, letting her
know how and what they are doing and how much she influenced their lives. Gail’s work at Sinclair for the college, in the BIS Department, and with Sinclair students has certainly earned the honor of Professor Emeritus.