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Message from the Vice President:

Dear Faculty:

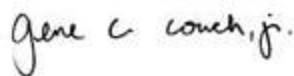
I want to personally welcome you to SCC, whether you are brand new or one of the many faculty who have been contributing your knowledge and talents for many semesters. Because we have a commitment to provide students with high-quality, up-to-date programs and courses, we absolutely depend on people like you to bring new skills and a fresh outlook to the teaching and learning process. While you are here, we want to provide you all the support and help you need to make your experience as rewarding as possible. Teaching at SCC is truly an exciting process. If you are doing it for the first time, I hope you will be "hooked" and decide you want to do it over and over.

One of the things that makes teaching at SCC so exciting is that it is "student-centered." What that means is that the teacher is not simply a subject area specialist whose job is to bring new knowledge and skills to the students. If that were the case, anyone with the credentials or the experience could be a teacher. Student-centered teaching means bringing the student to new knowledge or skills. It means teaching students, not simply delivering content or instructions.

Remember your own learning experience. Remember the "Aha!" of discovering something for the first time, or the first time those X's and Y's in algebra suddenly transformed into real numbers. Then think of the teacher who brought you to that exhilarating discovery. THAT is what teaching at SCC is all about.

I offer you my personal invitation to call me if there is anything I can do to help you meet the challenge of teaching. When the magic works, your students will never forget it . . . nor you. And I, and the rest of SCC, appreciate what you do.

Sincerely,



Gene C. Couch, Jr., Ed.D.



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Vice President for Instruction and Student Services

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