

Selection Committee
Auburn Montgomery Alumni Board of Directors

September 9, 2013

Dear Board Members,

I am delighted to write this letter in support of the nomination of Dr. Ken Scott for membership on the Auburn Montgomery Alumni Board of Directors. I have worked with Dr. Scott for 14 years at Trenholm State Technical College where we both serve as senior instructors in the General Education and Communications Division. Over the last 10 years, I've had the opportunity to work closely with Dr. Scott on numerous institutional projects, most notably the development and administration of the College's distance education program.

Dr. Scott was one of the first faculty members to develop and teach an online course for our College and subsequently assumed a strong leadership role in the College's distance education program. Dr. Scott serves as co-chair of Trenholm State's Distance Education Committee, which oversees all aspects of distance learning for the College including policy development and implementation, training and certification of new online instructors, and evaluation and approval of online and hybrid courses. Dr. Scott made significant contributions to the development and implementation of the policies and procedures which guide online instruction at Trenholm State and was a key writer for our Distance Education Policy Manual, our Online Student User Guide, and the distance education portion of our recent COE accreditation reaffirmation self-study. In addition, he was a co-creator of an online support website for our distance education faculty that utilizes the College's course management system to provide a forum for discussions, a repository for relevant articles, committee minutes, manuals and forms, and a training module for prospective online teachers. Dr. Scott also regularly serves as an instructor for our online certification training sessions and has been named as an official online faculty mentor for the College. He keeps a continual, watchful eye on innovations in technology and is an avid reader of current research in distance education. He has presented at numerous conferences and represents our College with the highest professional integrity.

Although distance education is a big part of Dr. Scott's work at Trenholm, it is by no means the only area in which he provides leadership and service. Dr. Scott is also an active sponsor of our students' Skills USA team and was primarily responsible for its recent rebirth and success at state and national competitions. His work with this team has given our students a fresh opportunity to compete, achieve, and be recognized for their hard work and to give back to the community through team service projects.

In my opinion, Dr. Ken Scott is unmatched in his efforts to provide a dynamic learner-centered environment where excellence in teaching, learning, and serving improves the lives of students and the community. The vision of Trenholm State Technical College is most clearly seen through his eyes and those of the students and co-workers he humbly serves each day. I am thrilled to recommend his confirmation as a member of the Alumni Board of Directors, knowing that he will energetically serve the alumni and Board of Directors with the highest degree of dedication and integrity. Please let me know if I can provide further details about his character or the invaluable work he performs at Trenholm.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Vicky Ohlson". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Dr. Vicky Ohlson
Mathematics Instructor
Chair, Distance Education Committee