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Quick Facts

- President Anthony DiGiorgio given an extra year on his rolling contract to 2014.
- Winthrop Board of Trustees members evaluate DiGiorgio with exceeds expectations.



Anthony DiGiorgio

ROCK HILL, S.C. - **Winthrop University's Board of Trustees** voted unanimously Friday to extend **President Anthony DiGiorgio's contract** to 2014 and to give him an outstanding evaluation. The resolution adds an additional year to DiGiorgio's current rolling contract, which would have expired June 30, 2013.

Board Chair Karl Folkens noted that individual board members' evaluations recognized **DiGiorgio's energetic leadership** and **vision-driven management approach**. They also praised his emphasis on using **national third-party measures** and **emerging best practices** to prompt continuous improvement in academics, student personal development, facilities planning and design, athletics and service to the region and state.

"President DiGiorgio has carried out a vision for this campus that has transformed Winthrop into a national caliber university," said Folkens. "From his personal involvement in the planning and design of a new heart of campus, to his commitment to infusing the campus with a true sense of service beyond self, he demonstrates the importance of a college experience that prepares students to live, learn and lead in an increasingly global society that demands innovation and collaboration."

He added that DiGiorgio's stewardship has led Winthrop to consistently top other state universities in terms of its accountability and performance.

At the quarterly board meeting, board members voted unanimously to give DiGiorgio the highest available rating of "**exceeds expectations**" during his formal evaluation. The Winthrop board does not set the compensation level for the president. Instead, the board's recommendation goes to the **State Agency Head Salary Commission**, which may forward a salary increase recommendation to the **State Budget and Control Board**. All agency heads in South Carolina, including DiGiorgio, have not received a salary increase since January 2007.

DiGiorgio will begin his 20th year at Winthrop in July. He is the longest-serving public university president in South Carolina.

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