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### Quick Facts

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ROCK HILL, S.C. – A consultant firm with a combined 65 years of experience in presidential searches will assist **Winthrop University's Search and Selection Committee** members in identifying potential candidates to become the institution's 10th president a year from now.

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"After reviewing all the proposals received, **Greenwood-Asher** emerged as the all-around best fit for Winthrop," Bigham said. "Dr. Greenwood has completed more than 500 searches, and has developed proven strategies to ensure that the best candidates find Winthrop, and that Winthrop then finds the best of those candidates to become finalists."

The **consultant's main roles** will be as a recruiter of candidates, to include both experienced presidents and "rising stars," as well as designing and guiding the interview process. The firm then will work with the search committee **to identify three to five candidates** whose names ultimately will be submitted to the **Winthrop Board of Trustees** early in 2013. Winthrop's board by law has responsibility for making the final appointment, which is expected next spring.

The search process was authorized earlier this year after veteran **Winthrop President Anthony J. DiGiorgio** announced in March that he plans to retire as president next summer, at the end of the upcoming academic year. He will have led Winthrop for 24 years at that point, a record surpassed only by Winthrop's founding president, **Dr. David Bancroft Johnson**, who served 42 years.

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