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Quick Facts

- President Anthony DiGiorgio's contract will be extended until 2012.
- DiGiorgio is the longest-serving public university president in South Carolina.



President Anthony DiGiorgio

ROCK HILL, S.C. - Winthrop University's **Board of Trustees** voted unanimously Friday to extend **President Anthony DiGiorgio's** contract to 2012. The resolution adds an additional year to **DiGiorgio's** current rolling contract, which would have expired June 30, 2011.

Also at the quarterly board meeting, board members voted unanimously to give **DiGiorgio** the highest available rating of "exceeds expectations" during his formal evaluation. Their recommendation will go to the State Agency Head Salary Commission, which will forward a salary increase recommendation to the State Budget and Control Board. This year's rating reflects those given DiGiorgio over several previous years, which resulted in the State Agency Head Salary Commission increasing his salary to \$150,000 earlier this year.

Board Chair Karl Folkens noted that individual board members' evaluation comments were "all superlative, noting how fortunate South Carolina is to have a leader of his foresight and vision continue his extended commitment to Winthrop. That continuity of leadership, coupled with his energetic dedication to pervasive excellence, continues to lead Winthrop to national prominence, which is the course we've charted together over the years. Board members know **President DiGiorgio** is recognized in Columbia and beyond as a leader who tells the General Assembly where Winthrop is headed and then takes us there in a way that has earned tremendous respect among all concerned."

DiGiorgio said, "Winthrop continues to be blessed with faculty and staff whose devotion to the institution and to our students is exemplary. Their initiative and teamwork create our achievements, but none of what we accomplish could happen without a strong and visionary board, dedicated to the stewardship of a very special institution. I appreciate their affirming words and look forward to continuing our work together."

DiGiorgio will begin his 18th year at Winthrop in July, and is the longest-serving public university president in South Carolina.

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