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ROCK HILL, SOUTH CAROLINA – The **Winthrop University Board of Trustees** voted March 11 on the university becoming one of seven founding members of the **Greater Charlotte Consortium** so students can sign up for courses in a more timely manner.

In addition to Winthrop, the founding members are six institutions located in Charlotte, North Carolina - **University of North Carolina Charlotte, Central Piedmont Community College, Queens University, Johnson C. Smith University, and Johnson & Wales University** – and **Belmont Abbey College** in Belmont, North Carolina.

UNC Charlotte will be the **lead institution** and its representative will chair the group. Each participating institution will provide one representative for the consortium's governance committee.

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The consortium's establishment will facilitate a smoother registration for cadets who wish to engage in cadet training in the region, through the consortium registration program.

"Our students will have a broader selection of ROTC courses and will be able to graduate without interruption," said **Debra Boyd**, Winthrop provost and executive vice president for academic affairs.

Organizers said the proposed Greater Charlotte Consortium builds on an existing, informal collaboration with participating institutions. Efforts are underway to have the consortium approved by all parties by May 1 so students can begin taking courses later this year.

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