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Quick Facts

- Board Chair Kathy Bigham said that the president, now beginning his 23rd year at Winthrop this summer, had demonstrated foresight and vision in guiding the university through prolonged economic troubles for the region and the state.
- DiGiorgio is the longest-serving public university president in South Carolina.

ROCK HILL, S.C. - [Winthrop University's Board of Trustees](#) voted June 10 to extend **President Anthony DiGiorgio's contract** for an extra year and to give him an exceptional evaluation. The resolution adds an additional year to DiGiorgio's current rolling contract, which extends now to June 30, 2017.

Board Chair Kathy Bigham said that the president, now beginning his 23rd year at Winthrop this summer, had demonstrated foresight and vision in guiding the university through prolonged economic troubles for the region and the state. Board members praised DiGiorgio for moving the university forward with pro-active measures in the face of shrinking state revenues.

"The last three years have been challenging as state support for the university has been reduced. President DiGiorgio is reshaping the university to excel in educating and preparing students to succeed in the 21st century," Bigham said.

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, and an increase will not be awarded for the next year as well. DiGiorgio is the **longest-serving public university president** in South Carolina.

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