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ROCK HILL, S.C. – A five-year contract for President-elect Jayne Marie (Jamie) Comstock was approved June 7 by the Winthrop Board of Trustees.

Trustees voted in February to hire Comstock as the university's 10th president to replace retiring President Anthony DiGiorgio who spent 24 years at the university's helm.

Jayne Marie Comstock

Comstock's contract will run from July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2018 and was approved at the board's quarterly meeting by unanimous vote. On the second

anniversary of the contract and on each subsequent anniversary, Trustee members will automatically consider extending the contract for another year.

"This formally brings to a conclusion Winthrop's search for a tenth president and prepares us for a smooth start to the new fiscal year on July 1," said Board Chair Dalton Floyd. "As a rolling contract, it follows the concept that has been in place at Winthrop for many years."

The contract gives Comstock a state funded salary of \$169,970 per year. Winthrop Trustees do not determine the president's salary. It instead was set by the South Carolina Agency Head Salary Commission and approved by the South Carolina Budget and Control Board in the spring.

Comstock's salary has been supplemented with funding from the Winthrop Foundation.

In addition, the contract provides for \$5,000 for relocation expenses for Comstock and her husband to move to the President's House on Winthrop's campus at 601 Oakland Avenue. The relocation expenses are in keeping with state policy and will be paid with state funds.

Other benefits include an automobile or a monthly car allowance, membership dues in state and national professional educators' organizations and other organizations approved by the board chair, and parking spots at Tillman Hall and other reserved parking as needed around campus. Comstock also is eligible for a sabbatical for up to three months during the summer after three years of continuous employment.

Once Comstock begins employment, Board of Trustee members will grant her a tenured faculty



appointment as full professor in her academic department.

Comstock previously worked at the American Council of Education and as the chief academic officer at three different universities, most recently in the role of provost and vice president for academic affairs at **Butler University** in Indianapolis, Ind. She is a frequent presenter at higher education conferences and events on such topics as higher education leadership, strategic planning and institutional effectiveness.

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