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Quick Facts

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- The vice president for academic affairs provides leadership to five colleges, the library and the graduate school.



Debra Boyd

ROCK HILL, S.C. - **Debra Boyd**, who has served as acting vice president for academic affairs since Aug. 1, will take over the job permanently, **President Anthony J. DiGiorgio** announced this week.

Boyd previously served as dean of the **College of Arts and Sciences** at Winthrop since 2003. She moved to the vice president's job when Tom Moore was selected this spring as chancellor of **USC Upstate** in Spartanburg.

The vice president for academic affairs provides leadership to five colleges, the library and the graduate school.

"I consider it an honor to serve as the Vice President for Academic Affairs and Dean of the Faculty with such an exceptional team of Winthrop faculty, staff, and administrators," **Boyd** said. "I deeply appreciate both the support I have received from the Winthrop community thus far and President DiGiorgio's confidence in my ability to serve effectively in this role."

Boyd is known for her **leadership across disciplines**, a **strong record of achievement and consensus building** and **initiative in creating new degree programs and collaborations to meet current student needs**. The College of Arts and Sciences, under her direction, has increased the number and amount of grants and strengthened faculty and student research through its undergraduate research programs. In her new job, Boyd hopes to focus on program sustainability and innovation in the coming year, as well as the full implementation of the **University-Level Competencies**.

Boyd joined Winthrop in 1984. She previously served as chair of the **Department of English** (1999-2003) and as director of Winthrop's composition program (1987-1995). She also directed the **Office for Effective Teaching** (1998-99) and co-directed the university's **Summer Term Educational Program** (STEP) in 1990.

She received the **Phi Kappa Phi Excellence in Teaching Award** in 1995 and the **Arts and Sciences Advising Award** in 2003.

Boyd earned a bachelor's degree in English and mathematics and her master's degree in English literature from Appalachian State University. The Charlotte, N.C., native earned her doctorate in Renaissance literature from the University of South Carolina.

She is married to Warren Boyd, who earned his master's degree in school counseling from Winthrop in 1994.

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