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Quick Facts

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ROCK HILL, S.C. - **Debra Boyd**, who was appointed to a two-year term in 2003 as **dean of the College of Arts and Sciences** at Winthrop University, will continue in that post on an ongoing basis, university officials said.

Thomas Moore, Winthrop's vice president for academic affairs, said Boyd has approached her duties as dean with great compassion and common sense.

"As an experienced teacher, scholar and administrator, Dr. Boyd has helped deepen the university's commitment to interdisciplinary collaboration and our continuing emphasis on the importance of strong faculty-student relationships," **Moore said**. "She has the support and respect of her colleagues and will keep our students' academic success at the forefront of our educational mission."

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Boyd said she has been privileged to work with the dedicated faculty and staff in the College of Arts and Sciences. "Their talent and dedication have made my initial term as dean very rewarding," she said. "I greatly appreciate their confidence in me and the support expressed by the President, the Vice President for Academic Affairs, and my colleagues. As a group, the faculty, staff, and students in the College will continue to set and achieve high goals as we contribute fully to Winthrop's mission."

Boyd previously served as chair of the Department of English (1999-2003) and as university director of the Winthrop Writing Project. Since her arrival at Winthrop in 1984, she has directed Winthrop's composition program (1987-1995) and the Office for Effective Teaching (1998-99) and co-directed the university's Summer Term Educational Program (STEP) in 1990.

A member of the General Education Transition Team, **Boyd** served on the search committee for the new vice president for academic affairs and on more than 17 university committees and task forces. She received the **Phi Kappa Phi Excellence in Teaching Award** in 1995 and the **Arts and Sciences Advising Award** in 2003.

Boyd was president for the **South Carolina Association of Departments of English** from 2001-2002 and is currently the vice president of the **South Atlantic Association of Departments of English**.

She 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.

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