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Quick Facts

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ROCK HILL, S.C. - **Winthrop University's Board of Trustees** voted unanimously Friday to extend **President Anthony DiGiorgio's contract** to 2011. The resolution adds an additional three years to DiGiorgio's current rolling contract, which would have expired June 30, 2007.

Also at the quarterly board meeting, board members voted unanimously to give **DiGiorgio** the highest available rating of "exceeds expectations" during his formal evaluation. Their recommendation will go to the **State Agency Head Salary Commission**, which will forward a salary increase recommendation to the **State Budget and Control Board**.

While the rating reflects those given **DiGiorgio** over previous years, state agency heads have been given only one increase in the past five years because of state budget cuts.

"Dr. DiGiorgio continues to lead Winthrop in ways repeatedly affirmed by our top accountability ratings, and he is charting a course for the University's future that is fulfilling our goal of national distinction," said **Board Chair Mary Jean Martin**. "South Carolina is quite fortunate that he has remained committed to Winthrop over the years. It is exciting to see his vision for Winthrop's future taking shape, so trustees rated his achievements accordingly."

DiGiorgio said, "Winthrop continues to be blessed with faculty and staff whose devotion to the institution and to our students is exemplary. Their initiative and teamwork create our achievements, but none of what we accomplish could happen without a strong and visionary board. I appreciate their affirming words and look forward to continuing our work together."

DiGiorgio will begin his 17th year at Winthrop in July, and is the longest-serving public university president in South Carolina.

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