DUKE TRUSTEES APPOINT EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT
AND ARTS & SCIENCES DEAN TO SECOND TERMS

DURHAM, N.C. -- Tallman Trask III, Duke University executive vice president, and William Chafe, dean of the faculty of arts and sciences, have been appointed to second five-year terms by the university’s board of trustees.

The trustees took their action Friday at their regular quarterly meeting, acting on recommendations from President Nannerl O. Keohane. In accordance with Duke policy, separate committees reviewed the accomplishments of both administrators during their past four years.

Trask was selected in May 1995 to be the university’s chief financial and administrative officer. He came to Duke from the University of Washington where he also was executive vice president. During his four-year tenure at Duke, the university has posted balanced budgets, cut central administrative budgets to increase investments in academic priorities and made major improvements to residential and recreational facilities for students. Trask also played a major role in the development of the Duke University Health System.

Chafe, who has been on the Duke faculty since 1971, also was named to his new position in May 1995 after having served as chairman of the university’s history department. In addition to his post as dean of the faculty of arts and sciences, he is the Alice Mary Baldwin Professor of History. Under his leadership, a major revision of the arts and sciences undergraduate curriculum was approved this year, creating a greater emphasis on assuring student competence in languages and science. Among other accomplishments during his tenure have been the strengthening of Duke’s African and African-American Studies Program and creation of a new interdisciplinary Center for Child and Family Policy in the Sanford Institute of Public Policy. He is the current president of Organization of American Historians.

The new terms for Trask and Chafe extend to June 30, 2005.

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