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President and Vice-Chancellor reappointed for third term at Dalhousie University

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The Board of Governors of Dalhousie University is pleased to announce the re-appointment of Dr. Tom Traves as President and Vice-Chancellor of Dalhousie University for a further three-year term, beginning July 1, 2007.

The reappointment was made unanimously by the Board of Governors on June 27, following a thorough review process carried out by a committee representing the Board of Governors, University Senate and students. Input was sought broadly from within the University as well as from external community leaders.

“The University is fortunate to have a leader who has worked so effectively to enhance the university environment and Dalhousie’s connections to the wider community and has proven himself to be an excellent administrator capable of developing consensus and respect even while making tough decisions in difficult times,” said Board Chair, Senator James Cowan. “He is clearly committed to Dalhousie University and we are confident that he will provide the leadership we need to enhance Dalhousie’s reputation as a leading institution for research and teaching.”

Since Dr. Traves became President and Vice-Chancellor in 1995, enrolments at Dalhousie have grown by over 40 per cent without a decline in admissions standards, additional provincial multi-year funding support has been secured, external research grant and contract income has increased by 300 per cent, and the climate at the University has improved. Among Dr. Traves’ most noteworthy accomplishments are the amalgamation with the Technical University of Nova Scotia, elimination of the University’s debt, expansion of the campus infrastructure including the financing and construction of new major academic buildings, improvement of the overall profile of the University as a top-level educational and research institution, and substantial improvement in government relations.

Dr. Tom Traves was appointed President of Dalhousie University on July 1, 1995. He was confirmed by the Board of Governors for a second six-year term in February 2000. Previously, he served as Vice-President (Academic) at the University of New Brunswick and as Dean of Arts at York University. Dr. Traves’ third term will run until June 30, 2010.

Dr. Traves’ areas of academic interest include economic history, labour relations and public policy. He is a Professor of History and member of the School of Public Administration at Dalhousie. Dr. Traves currently services on the Board of Directors of Clearwater Seafood Holdings Trust, InNOVAcorp, and the Greater Halifax Partnership. He is past Chair of the Academic Advisory Committee of the Institute of Canadian Bankers and past Chair of the Atlantic Association of Universities. He is a former member of the Board of the Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada and the Association of Commonwealth Universities.

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