

**AGENDA ITEM 14
General Business****14.1 Report of the Level E Promotions Committee**

In 2006 twenty three applications were received for promotion to Professor. Nineteen of these were recommended by the LPCs of which seventeen were recommended by the CPC.

The Local Promotions Committees (LPC), appointed by the Academic Board, initially considered all applications and recommended assessors with standing in the field of the applicant. Comments were requested from these assessors and considered by the LPCs in conjunction with the application papers and the reports of the referees nominated by the applicants. Each applicant attended an interview with the relevant LPC. The reports and recommendations of the LPC were then referred for the consideration of the Central Promotions Committee (CPC) appointed by the Academic Board.

The Committee to consider the applications met on Monday 13 November 2006 and comprised Professor Gavin Brown (Chair), Professor Don Nutbeam (Provost and Deputy Vice-Chancellor), Professor Bruce Sutton (Chair, Academic Board), Professor John Loxton (DVC (Academic) Macquarie University), Professor Gregory Hancock (Dean, Faculty of Engineering), Professor Leslie Copeland (Dean, Faculty of Agriculture and Natural Resources), Professor Gwynnyth Llewellyn (Dean, Faculty of Health Sciences), Professor Peter Goodyear (Education and Social Work), Professor Jennie Brand-Miller (Molecular and Microbial Biosciences) and Professor Philip Boyce (Psychological Medicine).

The CPC considered applications individually and discussed any issues arising. LPC Chairs were interviewed in cases where the Committee needed further information to make a final decision on the promotion outcome of an applicant. Members of the CPC then voted for or against the appointment of the candidates under consideration. At least eight of the ten members of the CPC voted in favour of each candidate recommended below for promotion to Professor.

In accordance with the *Delegations of Authority - Administrative Functions* approved on 18 September 2006, the Committee recommends to the Chair Appointments Committee that the following seventeen promotions to be made effective from 1 January 2007:

Promotion to Professor**1. Associate Professor Timothy Bedding, BSc PhD**

Tim Bedding has been an Associate Professor in the School of Physics since January 2003. He is an astrophysicist working on high-precision observations of oscillations and pulsations in solar-like stars and red giants via the technique known as asteroseismology.

2. Associate Professor Hak-Kim Chan, BPharm NDMC – Taiwan PhD

Hak-Kim Chan was appointed as Associate Professor in the Faculty of Pharmacy in January 2002. His research is internationally recognised in the field of inhalation aerosol drug delivery and includes every aspect of this science from the engineering of materials, inhalation dose form design and evaluation to the clinical testing. He has engaged in a number of strategic multi-disciplinary collaborations which have made major contributions to the way medicines are prepared, evaluated and delivered to the lungs.

3. Associate Professor Geoffrey Clarke, BSc PhD *Melb*

Geoffrey Clarke is currently the Head of School of Geosciences and has been a Reader in the School since January 2000. He works in the area of metamorphic geology. His research is multidisciplinary and strongly collaborative, and he leads an internationally recognised research effort focused on using quantitative methods to look at geological processes critical to the formation and modification of continental crusts.

4. Associate Professor Deirdre Coleman, BA *Melb* B Phil D Phil *Oxf*

Deirdre Coleman has been an Associate Professor in the School of Letters, Art and Media since January 2001. Her research covers eighteenth and nineteenth century literature and cultural studies, particularly in field of British eighteenth-century and Romantic studies in the area of anti-slavery and abolitionist writing.

5. Associate Professor David Gottlieb, MBBS MD, FRACP FRCPA

David Gottlieb has been an Associate Professor in the Faculty of Medicine since January 1998. He is regarded as an international leader in the research field of bone marrow transportation.

6. Associate Professor Ghassan Hage, BA *Macq* Dip3eme *Nice* PhD *Macq*

Ghassan Hage has been an Associate Professor in the School of Philosophical and Historical Inquiry since January 2003. His research focuses on three key areas: the comparative analysis of nationalism (particularly in Lebanon and Australia); the comparative study of inter-cultural relations (also particularly in Lebanon and Australia), and the analysis of Lebanese migration around the world (US, Europe, Latin America and Australia).

7. Associate Professor Phillip Jones, BA DPhil

Phillip Jones has been an Associate Professor in the Faculty of Education and Social Work since January 1991. He has also held the concurrent position of Director of the Research Institute for Humanities and Social Sciences (RIHSS) since 2005. He is highly regarded in the field of international and development education and has taken a particular focus on policy.

8. Associate Professor Dianna Kenny, MA PhD *Macq* BA DipEd

Dianna Kenny has been an Associate Professor in the Faculty of Health Sciences since January 1997. She has held a concurrent (0.5FTE) position as Director of the Australian Centre for Applied Research in Music Performance (ACARMP) at Sydney Conservatorium of Music for the past 3 years. Her research is generally of an applied nature and crosses over the diverse disciplines of psychology, education and music.

9. Associate Professor Rebecca Mason, MB BS PhD

Rebecca Mason has been an Associate Professor in the School of Medical Sciences (Physiology) since January 1997. Her research focuses on vitamin D, osteoporosis and related bone diseases and ultra-violet protection.

10. Associate Professor Benjamin Oldroyd, BSc(Agr) PhD

Benjamin Oldroyd has been an Associate Professor with the School of Biological Sciences since January 2003. His research is in the field of the biology of eusocial insects, particularly in honey bee genetics: in the identification of genes affecting social insect behaviour.

11. Associate Professor Robyn Overall, BSc *UNSW* PhD *ANU*

Robyn Overall has been an Associate Professor in the School of Biological Sciences since January 1998. Her research is in the area of plant cell biology and she heads a

world renowned laboratory conducting research in the field of plasmodesmata structure and function, and plant cell communication.

12. Associate Professor Paul Redding MB BS UNSW BA PhD

Paul Redding has been an Associate Professor in the School of Philosophical and Historical Inquiry since January 1998. He is considered one of the leading international scholars in the field of idealist philosophy. His research interests include Kantian and post-Kantian idealist philosophy; and philosophy of emotion and affect.

13. Associate Professor Richard Russell, BSc MSc PhD

Richard Russell was appointed as Associate Professor in the Faculty of Medicine in January 1996. He is a widely recognised medical entomologist and is the founding and current Director of the Department of Medical Entomology at Westmead Hospital. His particular expertise is in the area of vector-borne disease, especially mosquitoes and arboviruses.

14. Associate Professor Ross Smith, MBBS, MD UNSW FRACS

Ross Smith has been an Associate Professor in the Faculty of Medicine since January 1989. His research includes both laboratory and clinical work on upper gastrointestinal and hepato-pancreatico-biliary surgery with an interest in metabolism and pancreatic cancer biology.

15. Associate Professor Julie Stubbs, BA W'gong MA Tor

Julie Stubbs has been an Associate Professor in the Faculty of Law since January 1997 and is currently the Faculty's Pro-Dean (Staff Development) and Deputy Director of the Institute of Criminology. Her research is cross-disciplinary in nature marrying the fields of sociology, feminist legal theory and criminology. She has a major international reputation based on a sustained research program focused on the legal system's response to violence against women.

16. Associate Professor Michael Thompson, B Sc PhD Adel

Michael Thompson is the Head of School of Biological Sciences has been an Associate Professor with the School since January 2000. His research is in the field of physiological ecology and reproduction of animals, particularly reptiles. He has pursued questions regarding the evolution of viviparity (live bearing) through the study of the physiology of eggs and embryos of reptiles and is a world leader in this area.

Promotion to Professor (Research Only)

17. Dr Jeffrey Reimers BSc PhD ANU

Jeffrey Reimers as been an ARC Professorial Research Fellow in the School of Chemistry since January 2002. He is a high profile researcher in theoretical chemistry, in the field of molecular electronics. His work focuses on gaining insights into molecular processes using ab-initio simulations.

Recommendation

That the Academic Board note the report of the Level E Promotions Committee, as set out in the report presented.