



Academic Board Agenda

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SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA for the meeting on Wednesday 12 December 2007

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- ★ 1. **Apologies**
Apologies have been received from:
Professors T Aspromourgos, R Overall and J Trehwella, Associate Professor S West, Drs T Anthony, A Dong, R Stanton and P Wynn.
- ★ 6. **Report of the Chair** pages 3-4
6.1 **Report on Senate Matters**
6.1.1 **Report of the Senate meeting held on 3 December 2007** page 3
- Recommendation**
The Academic Board note the report of the Chair of the Academic Board on academic matters considered by Senate at its meeting of 3 December 2007.
- 6.3 **General Report**
6.3.5 **Chair of the Graduate Studies Committee** page 3
- Recommendation**
That in accordance with the University of Sydney (Academic Governance) Rule 2003 and on the nomination of the Chair of the Academic Board, the Academic Board appoint Associate Professor Peter McCallum as Chair of the Graduate Studies Committee, as set out in the report presented.
- 6.3.6 **Appointment of Deputy Chair of the Academic Board** pages 3-4
- Recommendation**
That in accordance with the University of Sydney (Academic Governance) Rule 2003 and on the nomination of the Chair of the Academic Board, the Academic Board appoint Associate Professor Peter McCallum as Deputy Chair of the Academic Board, as set out in the report presented.
- 6.3.7 **Action taken on behalf of the Academic Board** page 4
- Recommendation**
That the Academic Board note the Chair's approval of the early submission of a PhD thesis, as set out in the report presented.

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- ★ 7. **Report of the Vice-Chancellor and Principal** **page 5**
 - 7.1 **Report on Senate Matters**
 - 7.1.1 **Report of the Senate meeting held on 3 December 2007** *page 5*

Recommendation

That the Academic Board note the report of the Vice-Chancellor and Principal on matters considered by Senate at its meeting held on 3 December 2007.

- 12. **General Business** **pages 6-9**
 - 12.1 **Academic Staff Promotions**
 - 12.1.4 **Academic Staff Promotions to Level E in 2007** *pages 6-9*

Recommendation

That the Academic Board note the report on the promotion of academic staff to Level E in 2007, as set out in the report presented.

AGENDA ITEM 6 Report of the Chair

6.1 Report on Senate Matters

6.1.1 Report on the Senate meeting held on 3 December 2007

Senate, at its meeting on 3 December 2007, on the report of the Academic Board meeting held on 21 November 2007:

- (1) **Faculty of Economics and Business** - endorsed the Academic Board's approval of the proposal from the Faculty to amend the Master of Philosophy in Economics; and approved the amendment of the Resolutions of Senate relating to the course with effect from 1 January 2008, as set out in the report presented.
- (2) **Faculty of Health Sciences** - endorsed the Board's approval of the proposal from the Faculty to amend the Bachelor of Health Sciences; and approved the amendment of the Resolutions of Senate relating to the course with effect from 1 January 2008, as set out in the report presented.
- (3) **Sydney College of the Arts** - endorsed the Board's approval of the proposal from the College to delete the Master of Contemporary Arts for Educators; approved the amendment of the Resolutions of Senate relating to the Degrees in the Sydney College of the Arts; and rescinded the Resolutions of Senate relating to the course with effect from 1 January 2008, as set out in the report presented.
- (4) noted the report on the following items:
 - (a) Minor course amendments
 - (b) Policy Amendments
 - (c) Other Items

Recommendation

The Academic Board note the report of the Chair of the Academic Board on academic matters considered by Senate at its meeting of 3 December 2007.

6.3 General Report

6.3.5 Chair of the Graduate Studies Committee

The *University of Sydney (Academic Governance) Rule 2003* provides for the Chairs of Standing Committees to be appointed by and from the members of the Academic Board, on the nomination of the Chair.

Accordingly, the Chair nominates Associate Professor Peter McCallum as Chair of the Graduate Studies Committee to take up the position to 31 December 2009. The Chairs of the other Standing Committees of the Academic Board will be appointed at the Academic Board's first meeting in 2008.

Recommendation

That in accordance with the University of Sydney (Academic Governance) Rule 2003 and on the nomination of the Chair of the Academic Board, the Academic Board appoint Associate Professor Peter McCallum as Chair of the Graduate Studies Committee, as set out in the report presented.

6.3.6 Appointment of Deputy Chair

The *University of Sydney (Academic Governance) Rule 2003* provides for the Deputy Chair of the Academic Board to be appointed by the Academic Board from among the Chairs of the Academic Board Standing Committees, on the nomination of the Chair.

Accordingly, the Chair nominates Associate Professor Peter McCallum as Chair of the Graduate Studies Committee, to take up the position to 31 December 2009.

Recommendation

That in accordance with the University of Sydney (Academic Governance) Rule 2003 and on the nomination of the Chair of the Academic Board, the Academic Board appoint Associate Professor Peter McCallum as Deputy Chair of the Academic Board, as set out in the report presented.

6.3.7 Action taken on behalf of the Academic Board

The Chair has approved a request from the Faculty of Science to allow the early submission of a thesis for the Doctor of Philosophy. The thesis in question is being submitted one semester earlier than the minimum time limit for the degree and the application has been approved on the basis that the candidate has shown exceptional progress in the degree.

Recommendation

That the Academic Board note the Chair's approval of the early submission of a PhD thesis, as set out in the report presented.

AGENDA ITEM 7
Report of the Vice-Chancellor and Principal

7.1 Report on Senate Matters

7.1.1 Report on the Senate meeting held on 3 December 2007

Senate, at its meeting held on 3 December 2007:

- (1) approved the University of Sydney 2008 Budget for Operations Budget of \$1,441.3M Revenue and \$1,181.6M Expenditure, Capital Development Information Technology Program of \$10.22M and Expenditure and Capital Development Program of \$248.8M Expenditure.
- (2) resolved to disestablish the Postgraduate Foundation in Veterinary Science, which would be reformed as a University Centre.
- (3) resolved to disestablish the Student Association of the Sydney College of the Arts (SASCA).
- (4) reappointed Professor Phyllis Watson and appointed Mrs Sally Farrington of the Faculty of Health Sciences as members of the Yannadah Governing Council.
- (5) congratulated Professor Sutton on having been re-elected unopposed as Chair of the Board.
- (6) appointed Mr Bohdan Bilinsky as Esquire Bedell.
- (7) noted a presentation by Professor M Crossley on the focus topic: Research outcomes and strategy.
- (8) noted the report on the University's continued rise in the annual Times Higher Education Supplement (THES) World Universities Ranking.
- (9) noted that the winner of the 2008 NSW Rhodes Scholarship was Joanna Mascarenhas, a University of Sydney Economics/Law undergraduate.
- (10) noted the International and Community reports.
- (11) welcomed new student Fellows of Senate Mr Angus McFarland and Ms Jenny Leong to their first meeting.

Recommendation

That the Academic Board note the report of the Vice-Chancellor and Principal on matters considered by Senate at its meeting held on 3 December 2007.

AGENDA ITEM 12 General Business

12.1 Academic Staff Promotions

12.1.4 Academic Staff Promotions to Level E in 2007

In 2007 twenty-four applications were received for promotion to Professor. The Local Promotions Committees (LPC) recommended eighteen of these applications for promotion, of which fourteen were then recommended by the Central Promotions Committee (CPC).

The LPCs, formed under the authority of the Provost and Deputy Vice-Chancellor, initially considered all applications and recommended independent 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 CPC appointed by the Academic Board.

The Committee met to consider the applications on Friday 26 October 2007 and comprised Professor Gavin Brown (Chair), Professor Don Nutbeam (Provost and Deputy Vice-Chancellor), Professor Bruce Sutton (Chair, Academic Board), Professor Anthony Dooley (Chair, Academic Board, University of NSW), Professor Leslie Copeland (Dean, Faculty of Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources), Professor Gwynnyth Llewellyn (Dean, Faculty of Health Sciences), Professor Gregory Hancock (Engineering and Information Technologies; present in his role as Professor rather than as Dean), Professor Peter Goodyear (Education and Social Work), and Professor David Cook (Medical Sciences).

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 seven of the nine 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 5 February 2007, the Committee has recommended to the Senate Chair Appointments Committee that the following seventeen promotions be made effective from 1 January 2008:

Promotion to Professor

1. Associate Professor Geoffrey Barton, BE Chem Eng (Hons 1) PhD

Geoffrey Barton is the Head of the School of Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering and has been an Associate Professor in the School since July 1990. As a researcher his impact and reputation has spanned disparate fields from bio-engineering and biomedical to optical fibres and financial modelling.

2. Associate Professor Belinda Bennett, BEc LLB (Hons) *Macquarie* LLM SJD *Wisconsin-Madison*

Belinda Bennet has been an Associate Professor in the Faculty of Law since January 2004 and Director of the Centre for Health Governance, Law and Ethics since its establishment in 2005. She is highly regarded as a researcher

in the field of health law and has been instrumental in establishing health law as a specialist discipline in the Faculty of Law.

3. Associate Professor Jonathan Craig, MBChB Dip CH Otago FRACP MM PhD

Jonathan Craig has been an Associate Professor (0.5) in the School of Public Health since January 2003, and is also a Senior Staff Specialist in Paediatric Nephrology (0.5) at the Children's Hospital, Westmead. He has an international reputation in the discipline of clinical epidemiology applied to nephrology and paediatrics. As Head of the Cochrane Renal Group he has been responsible for the completion of 55 published meta-analyses in the area of kidney disease which have directly impacted clinical practice.

4. Associate Professor Mary Crock, LLB (Hons) BA (Hons) PhD Melb

Mary Crock has been an Associate Professor in the Faculty of Law since January 2005. She is regarded as an international leader in the field of immigration and refugee law. She was a significant contributor to the groundbreaking *Seeking Asylum Alone* project: the first empirical and doctrinal research conducted into the rights and experience of unaccompanied or separate migrant children.

5. Associate Professor Roland Fletcher, BA PhD Cambridge

Roland Fletcher has been an Associate Professor in the School of Philosophical and Historical Inquiry since January 1994. He is a leading international scholar in the field of comparative urban archaeology. His research team has deepened understanding of the size and scope of the urban settlement of Angkor through sophisticated remote radar sensing and digital mapping of the old city.

6. Associate Professor Anne Green, BSc (Hons 1) Melb PhD GCert Education (Higher Ed)

Anne Green is Head of the School of Physics and has been an Associate Professor in the School since January 2004. She has an outstanding record of research and leadership in the areas of radio astronomy and galactic astrophysics. In particular, her work on Galactic OH masers and on the Galactic Plane radio surveys carried out with the Molonglo radio telescope have had a major international impact.

7. Associate Professor Philip Hirsch, BA (Hons) Oxford MPhil Dundee PhD London

Philip Hirsch has been an Associate Professor in the School of Geosciences since January 2000. His area of expertise is human geography, specifically natural resource management and its societal impact. His research on the Mekong Delta not only impacts on the SE Asian region, but is regarded as a model case study for management of river basins worldwide.

8. Associate Professor Scott Kable, BSc (Hons 1) Griffith GDip (Bus Admin) QUT PhD Griffith

Scott Kable has been an Associate Professor in the School of Chemistry since January 2001. His research is in the fields of photochemistry and spectroscopy of radicals. His research team were the first to study the photochemistry of carbenes, and have discovered new spectroscopic transitions in important, prototypical molecules.

9. Associate Professor Christopher Maher, BAppSc GDipApp Sc (Ex&SportSc) GDipAppSc (ManipPhy) PhD

Christopher Maher has been an Associate Professor (teaching and research) in the School of Physiotherapy since January 2003 and currently holds the position of NHMRC Senior Research Fellow (since 2006). He established and leads the Faculty's Back Pain Research Group. His research principally focuses on the diagnosis, prognosis and effectiveness of therapy, and measuring outcomes in people with spinal pain. He also conducts methodological and clinimetric research and has developed the PEDro scale, which is the most widely used scale for rating the methodological quality of physiotherapy trials.

10. Associate Professor Brian Paltridge, BA Wellington MA (Applied Linguistics) PhD

Brian Paltridge has been an Associate Professor in the Faculty of Education and Social Work since January 2002. His main areas of research interest are TESOL, and thesis and dissertation writing. He is highly regarded for his ability to cross disciplinary paradigms in linguistics, genre and pedagogy.

11. Associate Professor Judith Simpson, BSc (Hons 1) PhD UNSW

Judith Simpson has been an Associate Professor in the School of Public Health since 1995. Her research is in the application of advanced biostatistical techniques to the design and analysis of research in public health and clinical medicine, and she is know internationally for her expertise in the design and analysis of cluster-randomised trials.

12. Associate Professor Glenda Sluga, BA (Hons) MA (Hons) Melb DPhil Sussex

Glenda Sluga has been an Associate Professor in the School of Philosophical and Historical Inquiry since January 2003. She is considered an outstanding scholar in the field of international history and has dramatically transformed this field by opening up new perspectives drawing on gender and cultural history.

13. Associate Professor Anthony Welch, Higher DipTeach Melb DipEd MA PhD London

Anthony Welch has been an Associate Professor in the Faculty of Education and Social Work since 1998. He is internationally acknowledged for research excellence in the key areas of comparative and international education, sociology of education, the internationalisation of higher education and the complex ways that this intersects with globalisation processes. His work has made major theoretical and methodological contributions to the understanding of culture and cross-cultural interaction in education and research, including theorising cross-cultural research.

Promotion to Professor (Research Only)

14. Associate Professor Leanne Williams, BA Qld BA (Hons 1) PhD UNE

Leanne Williams was an Associate Professor in the Faculty of Science from January 2003 and was appointed as Associate Professor and Pfizer (previously Pharmacia) Fellow in the Faculty of Medicine in September 2004. Her research integrates psychiatry, psychology and human neuroscience and is aimed at understanding the cause and treatment of major psychiatric disorders. One of her major contributions to date has been the establishment of a new theoretical model that brings together, for the first time, previously disparate brain imaging modalities with behavioural theories of emotion, and which can be applied to a range of psychiatric disorders.

The above recommendations for promotion were approved by the Chair Appointments Committee and by Senate at their meetings on 3 December 2007.

In response to a question, clarification was provided that "Professor (Research only)" was not the title to be given to Associate Professor Leanne Williams. It was pointed out that staff for whom this description was appropriate did carry out teaching and other duties, and the term "Professor (Research intensive)" was suggested.

The Chair Appointments Committee resolved to recommend to the Academic Board that it consider amending the Board's policy on promotions in relation to the term "Professor (Research only)", to take account of points raised by the Committee (N.B. this matter will be referred to the Academic Board's Academic Staffing Committee for consideration).

Recommendation

That the Academic Board note the report on the promotion of academic staff to Level E in 2007, as set out in the report presented.