

**AGENDA ITEM 6
Report of the Chair****6.2 Honours and Distinctions**

I am pleased to report the following honours and distinctions and recommend the Academic Board extend its congratulations to the recipients:

Fellows of the Australian Academy of the Humanities

The following academic staff in the Faculty of Arts have recently been elected to the Academy:

Professor Robert Aldrich (Department of History)
Professor Mark Colyvan (Department of Philosophy)
Dr Jim Masselos (Department of History)
Associate Professor John Pryor (Centre for Medieval Studies)
Professor Rod Tiffen (Department of Government and International Relations)
Professor Peter Wilson (Department of Classics and Ancient History)

Professor Bruce Robinson and Professor Kerry Goulston, Faculty of Medicine

Awarded the People's Health Medal by the Government of Vietnam for their achievements in improving the protection, care and health of the Vietnamese people via their not-for-profit organisation, the Hoc Mai Foundation.

Dr Audrey Dussutour, Faculty of Science

Winner of the 2008 Journal of Experimental Biology Outstanding Paper Prize.

Dr Catherine Leamey, Faculty of Medicine

Winner of the 2008 Sir Zelman Cowan Universities Fund Prize for her work in identifying the gene that enables binocular vision.

Mr Peter Minter, the Koori Centre

Received the Deadly for Outstanding Achievement in Literature award for co-editing the Macquarie PEN Anthology of Aboriginal Literature.

Recommendation

That the Academic Board note the report of the Chair of the Academic Board on the honours and distinctions and congratulate the recipients, as set out in the report presented.

6.3 General Report**6.3.1 Student Appeals against Academic Decisions**

The University has received advice from the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations that the University's appeals procedures are not compliant with The National Code of Practice for Registration Authorities and Providers of Education and Training to Overseas Students (The National Code 2007). Standard 10 of the National Code requires students to be given 20 working days in which to access the appeals process (please note, this refers to the University-level appeals process, i.e. the process as set out in the *University of Sydney (Student Appeals against Academic Decisions) Rule 2006*).

Based on this advice, the Academic Board is asked to approve the following amendment to the introductory paragraph of the Academic Board Resolutions regarding Student Appeals against Academic Decisions:

A student wishing to appeal must lodge his or her written appeal with the Registrar (on behalf of the Student Appeals Body) within ~~24~~ 20 working days of the date of the written decision of the Dean of the relevant Faculty regarding the academic decision, or within such extended time as the Registrar, in his or her absolute discretion, authorises.

Recommendation

That the Academic Board amend the Academic Board Resolutions regarding Student Appeals against Academic Decisions, as set out in the report presented.

6.3.2 Response to Question raised at November meeting

At the Academic Board's last meeting, the Chair undertook to obtain a response to the following question raised by Ms N Legge-Wilkinson:

Why do students in the Bachelor of Psychology receive the Bachelor of Science, Major in Psychology (Honours) rather than the Bachelor of Psychology (Honours) if they defer their honours study for one year?

The Faculty of Science has been contacted regarding this question and has provided the following response:

...the only potential circumstance (under which this might occur) is where a student elects to suspend for a year but subsequently does not meet the progression requirements for the Bachelor of Psychology when he/she re-applies. This might occur if the entry cut-off is set slightly higher for that year. In that case, I presume that (the student) would be eligible for the Bachelor of Science but not progression in the Bachelor of Psychology. This would be an unusual case with such a decision made at the Faculty, and not School, level. Otherwise, there is no other explanation from the School's perspective.

Recommendation

That the Academic Board note the responses to the question raised at its November meeting, as set out in the report presented.

6.3.3 Academic Board Membership for 2009

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Elections have been held over the last couple of months to determine the faculty student representation on the Academic Board. This membership is outlined on the following pages.

In a number of cases, the relevant deans of various faculties have taken steps to appoint members to fill vacancies created by a shortfall in nominations. The Academic Board is asked to approve the following student nominations for membership of the Board from 1 January 2009 to 31 December 2009 as set out below:

NAME	FACULTY
Ms Liza-Mare Syron	Board of Studies in Indigenous Studies
Ms Jameela Truman	Faculty of Nursing and Midwifery

Recommendation

That the Academic Board:

- (1) *note the report on the membership of the Academic Board for 2009; and*
- (2) *approve the nominated student members from the faculties, and as set out in the report presented.*

6.3.4 2009 Meeting Dates

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The schedule of meeting dates for 2009 is enclosed for the information of members.

Recommendation

That the Academic Board note the schedule of meeting dates for 2009, as set out in the report presented.

6.3.5 Authority of the Chair of the Academic Board

The Board is asked to authorise its Chair to act on its behalf in respect of any urgent matters that may arise between the Board meeting of 10 December 2008 and the first 2009 Academic Board meeting.

Recommendation

That the Academic Board authorise its Chair to act on its behalf in respect of any urgent matters that may arise between the Board meeting on 10 December 2008 and the first 2009 Academic Board meeting, as set out in the report presented.

6.3.6 Christmas Party

Members of the Board and others who have assisted with the work of the Board and its committees throughout the year are invited to join the Chair for champagne and finger food in the Cloisters at the close of this Board meeting. Invitations have been sent out separately.

Recommendation

That the Academic Board note the report of the Chair on the Academic Board Christmas Party, as set out in the report presented.

MEMBERSHIP OF THE ACADEMIC BOARD 2007: As at 1 January 2009

The Board consists of:

5.1.1 *the Chair;*

Professor Bruce Sutton

5.1.2 *the Vice-Chancellor;*

Dr Michael Spence

5.1.3 *the following members ex officio:*

5.1.3.1 *the Deputy Vice-Chancellors;*

Deputy Vice-Chancellor (International)	Professor John Hearn
Provost & Deputy Vice-Chancellor	Professor Don Nutbeam
Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research)	Professor Merlin Crossley (Acting)
Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Community)	Professor Andrew Coats
Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Education)	Professor Derrick Armstrong (Acting)
Chief Operating Office & Deputy Vice-Chancellor	Mr Bob Kotic
Chief Executive Officer & Deputy Vice-Chancellor (University College Sydney)	Professor Ann Brewer

5.1.3.2 *the Pro-Vice-Chancellors;*

Pro Vice-Chancellor (Research)	Professor Carol Armour (Acting)
Pro Vice-Chancellor (Strategic Planning)	Professor Charlie Benrimoj
Pro Vice-Chancellor (Campus Planning & Infrastructure)	Professor Richmond Jeremy (Acting)

5.1.3.3 *the Executive Deans and Deans;*

Faculty of Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources	Professor Mark Adams
Faculty of Architecture, Design and Planning	Professor Warren Julian
Faculty of Arts	Professor Stephen Garton
Faculty of Dentistry	Professor Eli Schwarz
Faculty of Economics and Business	Professor Peter Wolnizer
Faculty of Education and Social Work	Associate Professor Robyn Ewing (Acting)
Faculty of Engineering and Information Technologies	Professor Gregory Hancock
Faculty of Health Sciences	Professor Gwynnyth Llewellyn
Faculty of Law	Professor Gillian Triggs
Faculty of Medicine	Professor Bruce Robinson
Faculty of Nursing and Midwifery	Professor Jill White
Faculty of Pharmacy	Professor Iqbal Ramzan
Faculty of Science	Professor David Day
Sydney College of the Arts	Professor Colin Rhodes
Sydney Conservatorium of Music	Professor Kim Walker
Faculty of Veterinary Science	Professor Leo Jeffcott
Dean of Graduate Studies	Professor Alison Bashford

5.1.3.4 *the Director of the Graduate School of Government;*

Professor Geoff Gallop

5.1.3.5 *the University Librarian;*
Mr John Shipp

5.1.3.6 *the Director of the Koori Centre;*
Ms Janet Mooney

5.1.3.7 *the Director of the Institute for Teaching and Learning;*
Professor Keith Trigwell

5.1.3.8 *the Director of the International Office;*
Mr Peter Ball

55.1.3.9 *the Director of Student Administration and Support;*
Dr Margaret Edmond

5.1.3.10 *the President of the Students' Representative Council; and*
Mr Noah White

5.1.3.11 *the President of the Sydney University Postgraduate Representative Association;*
Ms Rashmi Kumar

5.1.4 *the following elected academic staff members, who do not already hold office as members under Rule 5.1.1, 5.1.2 or 5.1.3 elected:*

5.1.4.1 *by a group of voters defined by each relevant Faculty and approved by the Academic Board; and*

5.1.4.2 *according to guidelines approved from time to time by the Academic Board and the Senate:*

5.1.4.2.1 *three academic staff members for each faculty with 40 or fewer full-time academic staff:*

Architecture, Design and Planning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr Greg Castillo • Associate Professor Nicole Gurrán • Dr Marc Aurel Schnabel
Dentistry	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr Stephen Cox • Associate Professor Tania Gerzina • Ms Clare McNally
Nursing and Midwifery	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr Sue Ronaldson • Associate Professor Maureen Boughton • Mr Murray Fisher
Sydney College of the Arts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr John Conomos • Associate Professor Merylyn Fairskye • Mr Geoffrey Weary

5.1.4.2.2 *four academic staff members for each faculty with more than 40 but fewer than 100 full-time academic staff:*

Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Professor Alex McBratney • Dr Inakwu Odeh • Dr Sarah Mansfield • Dr Brian Jones
Education and Social Work	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Associate Professor Robyn Ewing • Dr Robyn Gibson • Associate Professor Brian

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Paltridge • Dr Lesley Scanlon
Law	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Associate Professor Roger Magnusson • Dr Thalia Anthony • Professor Belinda Bennett • Associate Professor Anne Twomey
Pharmacy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Associate Professor Greg Ryan • Dr David Hibbs • Dr Jane Hanrahan • Professor Jo-Anne Brien
Sydney Conservatorium of Music	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Associate Professor Michael Halliwell • Associate Professor Peter McCallum • Professor Anne Boyd • Dr Kathleen Nelson
Veterinary Science	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr Vanessa Barrs • Dr Damien Higgins • Dr Jan Slapeta • Dr Chris Grupen

5.1.4.2.3 five academic staff members for each faculty with more than 100 full-time academic staff:

Arts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr Richard Stanton • Dr Fran Collyer • Dr Kathryn Crameri • Dr Gaynor Macdonald • Dr Peter Marks
Economics and Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Professor Anthony Aspromourgos • Associate Professor Elizabeth Cowley • Ms Patty Kamvounias • Associate Professor Sue Newberry • Dr Leanne Cutcher
Engineering and Information Technologies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr Douglass Auld • Associate Professor Alan Fekete • Associate Professor Liaquat Hossain • Associate Professor Abbas Jamalipour • <i>Vacancy</i>
Health Sciences	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Associate Professor Nick O'Dwyer • Dr Steve Cumming • Dr Joanne Callen • Dr Toni Schofield • Associate Professor Lynne Harris
Medicine	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Associate Professor Andrew Holland • Associate Professor Simon

	<p>Willcock</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Associate Professor Merrilyn Walton • Professor Stephen Clarke • Professor Chris Murphy
Science	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Professor Jill Trehwella • Associate Professor Charles Collyer • Dr Charlotte Taylor • Ms Jennifer Henderson • Associate Professor Tony Masters

5.1.4.3 for each group of academic staff members elected from a faculty at least one should be appointed at professorial level and at least one should be appointed at a non-professorial level;

5.1.5 the following elected student members:

Faculty of Agriculture, Food & Natural Resources	Vacancy	
Faculty of Architecture, Design & Planning	Mr William Chan	UG
Faculty of Arts	Ms Rebecca Santos	UG
Faculty of Dentistry	Vacancy	
Faculty of Economics & Business	Vacancy	
Faculty of Education & Social Work	Mr Daniel Brooks	PGC
Faculty of Engineering & Information Technologies	Mr Michael Kalonikos	UG
Faculty of Health Sciences	Vacancy	
Faculty of Law	Mr Andrew McLeod	UG
Faculty of Medicine	Ms Moira Stephens	PGR
Faculty of Nursing & Midwifery	Ms Jameela Truman	PGC
Faculty of Pharmacy	Vacancy	
Faculty of Science	Vacancy	
Faculty of Veterinary Science	Ms Rachel Rodney	UG
Sydney College of the Arts	Vacancy	
Sydney Conservatorium of Music	Vacancy	
Board of Studies in Indigenous Studies	Ms Liza-Mare Syron	PGR

5.1.6 up to four members, who do not already hold office as members under Rules 5.1.1 to 5.1.5 inclusive, appointed by resolution of the Academic Board at an ordinary meeting of the Academic Board on the recommendation of the Chair;

Professor Scott Kable, Faculty of Science

5.1.7 up to four members, who do not already hold office as members under Rules 5.1.1 to 5.1.6 inclusive, co-opted by resolution at an ordinary meeting of the Academic Board on the recommendation of the Chair (Note: co-opted members are defined as short-term appointees who are identified to assist the Academic Board with a specific issue or project, and their term of office will normally reflect the time-span of that issue or project).

Professor Kevin Parton, Dean, Faculty of Rural Management

Secretary: The Registrar, or the Registrar's nominee, is to act as secretary of the Academic Board

Dr Margaret Edmond (Acting)



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2009 Academic Board meeting schedule

The 2009 meeting dates for the Academic Board are set out below.

Also included in the schedule are the dates by which material must be presented to the Academic Board Office in order for it to be included in the agenda for the next meeting and the dates when it is expected that the agenda will be mailed and available on the Web.

		Academic Board meeting date	<i>provision for deferred meeting of Academic Board</i>
Close-off for receipt of reports	Agenda mailed and available on Web	Professorial Board Room, 2 pm	Professorial Board Room, 2 pm
<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>
11 February	18 February	25 February	4 March
1 April	8 April	15 April	22 April
13 May	20 May	27 May	3 June
17 June	24 June	1 July	8 July
12 August	19 August	26 August	2 September
23 September	30 September	7 October	14 October
28 October	4 November	11 November	18 November
25 November	2 December	9 December	16 December
	<i>Easter</i>	<i>Friday 10 April to Monday 13 April inclusive</i>	
	<i>Anzac Day Public Holiday</i>	<i>Monday 27 April</i>	
	<i>Queen's Birthday</i>	<i>Monday 8 June</i>	
	<i>Labour Day</i>	<i>Monday 5 October</i>	
	<i>AVCC Common Weeks / non-teaching periods</i>	<i>Friday 10 April to Friday 17 April inclusive;</i> <i>Monday 6 July to Friday 10 July inclusive;</i> <i>Monday 28 September to Friday 2 October inclusive.</i>	