

**AGENDA ITEM 15
General Business****15.1 Academic Staff Promotions****15.1.1 Academic Staff Promotions to Level E in 2008**

In 2008 twenty-seven applications were received for promotion to Professor. The Local Promotions Committees (LPC) recommended twenty-four of these applications for promotion, of which twenty-three were then recommended by the Central Promotions Committee (CPC). A further application, not recommended by the relevant Local Promotions Committee, was recommended by the Central Promotions Committee. In total, twenty-four applications were recommended by the Central Promotions Committee.

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 Thursday 30 October 2008 and comprised Dr Michael Spence (Chair), Professor Don Nutbeam (Provost and Deputy Vice-Chancellor), Professor Bruce Sutton (Chair, Academic Board), Professor Tony Baker (Chair, Academic Board, University of Technology, Sydney), Professor Gwynnyth Llewellyn (Dean, Faculty of Health Sciences), Professor Gregory Hancock (Dean, Faculty of Engineering and IT), Professor Peter Goodyear (Faculty of Education and Social Work), Professor David Cook (Faculty of Medicine), Professor Moira Gatens (Faculty of Arts), and Professor Anne Green (Faculty of Science).

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 5 February 2007, the Committee recommends to the Senate Chair Appointments Committee that the following twenty-four promotions to be made effective from 1 January 2009:

Promotion to Professor**1. Associate Professor Alison Caroline Bashford, BA (Hons, Medal)
PhD Sydney**

Alison Bashford has been an Associate Professor in the Department of History since 2005 and is currently Chair of that Department. She is an internationally regarded historian of science and medicine, as evidenced by her appointment

to the Harvard Chair of Australian Studies, 2009-10, in the Harvard Department of the History of Science.

2. Associate Professor David Braddon-Mitchell, BA (Double Hons) PhD ANU

David Braddon-Mitchell has been a member of the Department of Philosophy since 2002 and an Associate Professor since 2005. His main areas of research interest are philosophy of the mind and psychology, metaphysics and meta-ethics. His work on phenomenal concepts in particular has elicited a large number of papers and comments.

3. Associate Professor Richard Howard Bryan, BEc MEc Monash DPhil Sussex

Richard Bryan, an Associate Professor in the Department of Political Economy, is credited with starting a new and influential discourse on the nexus between social science and finance. This work has earned him a significant international reputation. He has previously served as Head of Department and is currently the Director of the International and Global Studies program.

4. Associate Professor Iain Gardner, BA (Hons 1) PhD Manchester

Iain Gardner has been an Associate Professor in the Department of Studies in Religion since 2005 and has served two terms as Chair of that Department. His work on the history of religions, particularly early Christianity, Gnosticism and Manichaeism, is founded on the close analysis of textual and material evidence.

5. Dr John Yue-Wo Wong, BA (Hons) Hong Kong DPhil (Oxon) Oxford

John Wong is a leader in the field of Modern Chinese and British Imperial History, with a respected body of work in both English and Chinese language publications. In particular his work has developed a greater understanding of the role of Britain in China's modern revolutionary history. Dr has been a Reader of History in the Department of History since the year 2000.

6. Associate Professor Gregory Edward Patmore, BEc (Hons 1) PhD Sydney

Gregory Patmore is an Associate Professor in the Discipline of Work and Organisational Studies. He has been both the Director of the Business and Labour History Group and the editor of *Labour History* since 1999. The emphasis of his research is on the impact of community or locality on labour relations and industrial development, non-union forms of employee representation, comparative labour history and consumer cooperatives.

7. Associate Professor Robyn Ann Ewing, BEd (Hons) PhD Sydney

Robyn Ewing has been an Associate Professor in the Faculty of Education and Social Work since 2003. She has been a pioneering scholar in the area of narrative and arts informed inquiry and also conducts research into the experiences of early career teachers. Her monograph *Beyond the Reading Wars* has had a significant impact in the professional arena.

8. Associate Professor Judith Kay, BSc MSc PhD Sydney

Judith Kay has been an Associate Professor in the School of Information Technologies since 2001. Her research is multi-disciplinary, exploring the areas of artificial intelligence in education and human-computer interaction. She is best known for her research in 'personalisation' and 'scrutability' in the design of computer systems, allowing users greater control.

9. Associate Professor Steven Richard Meikle, BAppSc (Hons 1) UTS PhD UNSW

Steven Meikle has been an Associate Professor in the Faculty of Health Sciences since 2004 and Head of the Discipline of Medical Radiation Sciences since 2006. He is a prominent figure in the field of medical imaging physics and his research has led to the development of new quantitative techniques used in clinical practice and research worldwide.

10. Associate Professor Helen Dorothy Irving, BA (Hons 1) Melb MPhil Cambridge PhD LLB (Hons 1) Sydney

Helen Irving has been an academic in the Faculty of Law since 2001, and prior to that held academic appointments in history and political and cultural studies. Her interdisciplinary background brings breadth to her research in constitutional law and history. Her book *Gender and the Constitution* has received significant praise and attention from other experts in the field.

11. Associate Professor Roger Stanley Magnusson, BA/LLB (Hons) ANU PhD GDip in Managing Development Melb

Roger Magnusson is recognised nationally and internationally as a major scholar in health law and public health law and policy. His book on euthanasia, *Angels of Death: Exploring the Euthanasia Underground*, is widely considered to be a seminal text. He has been an Associate Professor in the Faculty of Law since 2004.

12. Associate Professor Hans Peter Dietz, Arzt (MBBS equiv) MD Heidelberg FRANZCOG PhD UNSW

Hans Peter Dietz has been an Associate Professor in the Western Clinical School since July 2004. He is recognized internationally for his work in pelvic floor imaging and his development of the four-dimensional ultrasound examination of the female pelvic floor. His work has enabled diagnosis, of pelvic floor defects after childbirth that were not previously recognised.

13. Associate Professor Val John Gebski, BA M Statistics UNSW

Val Gebski has been an Associate Professor in the School of Public Health since November 2003, and prior to that held a research-only position in the school. He is widely recognised as a leader in biostatistical methods for clinical trials, with a particular focus on the use of scientific and statistical methodologies in the design and conduct of randomized controlled trials and epidemiological studies. His work has informed the practice of evidence-based medicine and the organisation and planning of health care.

14. Associate Professor Jillian June Kril, BSc (Hons) UWA PhD Sydney

Jillian Kril is acknowledged as a world leader in the field of alcohol-related brain damage. She has made major contributions to the understanding of the consequences of chronic alcoholism and the pathology of neurodegenerative diseases, and was instrumental in setting up the Australian Brain Bank Network. She has been an Associate Professor in the Central Clinical School since 2003.

15. Associate Professor Leonard Kritharides, MBBS Melb PhD Sydney

Leonard Kritharides has been an Associate Professor in the Concord Clinical School since 2002 and is conjointly a Senior Staff Specialist in Cardiology at Concord Repatriation Hospital. He has an international reputation as a leader in cardiovascular research. His work focuses on the common problem of cholesterol metabolism, the therapy of atherosclerosis by pharmaceutical enhancement of cholesterol egress from the artery wall and the *in vivo* study of molecules which can achieve this.

16. Associate Professor Christopher Semsarian, MBBS PhD Sydney

Christopher Semsarian was appointed to the University as an NHMRC Practitioner Fellow with the title of Associate Professor in 2006. Prior to 2006 he had been a Clinical Associate Professor since 2003. He is also Head of the Molecular Cardiology Program at the Centenary Institute of Cancer Medicine and Cell Research. His work in the field of cardiovascular genetics, particularly as it relates to hypertrophic cardiomyopathy, has earned him an international reputation.

17. Associate Professor Arthur David Conigrave, MBBS MSc PhD MD Sydney

Arthur Conigrave has been an Associate Professor in the School of Molecular and Microbial Biosciences since 2001. His work on identifying the link between calcium and amino acid signalling pathways in humans has resulted in a paradigm shift in the understanding of the link between protein nutrition and bone structure, and has had major implications for the treatment and management of osteoporosis.

18. Associate Professor Brendan James Kennedy, BEd Melbourne State College PhD Monash

Brendan Kennedy has a worldwide reputation as a solid state chemist and is highly regarded for the applicability of his research to industry, particularly in the field of electronics. He has been an Associate Professor in the School of Chemistry since 2002.

19. Associate Professor Geraint Francis Lewis, BSc (Hons 1) London PhD Cambridge Grad Cert Higher Ed Sydney

Geraint Lewis has been an Associate Professor in the School of Physics since 2006. He has an outstanding record of research in astrophysics, with a particular focus in the areas of cosmology, gravitational lensing and Galactic archaeology.

20. Associate Professor Dietmar Müller, Diplom Christian-Albrechts Uni, Germany PhD UC San Diego

Dietmar Müller has been an Associate Professor in the School of Geosciences since 2004 and is currently the Head of School. He is regarded as one of the foremost tectonic plate specialists in the world, and has been a dominant investigator in the assembly of a global image of the age of the sea floor.

21. Associate Professor Peter Andrew Windsor, BVet Sci (Hons) PhD DVet Sci Sydney

Peter Windsor has been an Associate Professor in the Faculty of Veterinary Science since 2002. His research in livestock health and production has addressed many practical problems of livestock husbandry in Australia and Asia, and has had a substantial impact on the quality of life for rural communities in SE Asia.

Promotion to Professorial Research Fellow

22. Associate Professor Tailoi Chan-Ling, B Optometry (Hons) M Optometry PhD UNSW

Tailoi Chan-Ling is an NHMRC Senior Research Fellow and was awarded the title of Associate Professor in the year 2000. She has made a number of major contributions to the understanding of the cellular and molecular cues regulating formation of retinal and choroidal vessels in the mammalian eye. Her most recent research is expected to have significant impact on the management of the two leading causes of blindness in the Western world, Retinopathy of Prematurity and Age-related Macular Degeneration.

23. Associate Professor Mark Cedric Gillies, MBBS PhD Melb FRANZCO

Mark Gillies is recognised internationally for his work in the field of Clinical Ophthalmology, particularly diseases of the retina. He undertakes both clinically based and experimental research on diabetic retinopathy and age-related macular degeneration, two common forms of blindness. He has been an Associate Professor in the Central Clinical School since 2004, on a 0.4 fractional basis.

24. Associate Professor Robyn Lynette Tate, BA (Hons) MPsychol UNSW PhD Newcastle

Robyn Tate was appointed to a conjoint position of Associate Professor in the Northern Clinical School and the Rehabilitation Studies Unit in 1998. She is an acknowledged leader in the field of health outcomes assessment and evidence-based rehabilitation, especially of neuropsychological and psychosocial functioning after traumatic brain injury. Her research is considered to be cutting edge and has had impact at an international level.

Recommendation

That the Academic Board note the report on the promotion of academic staff to Level E in 2008, as set out in the report presented.