

**AGENDA ITEM 5
Report of the Chair****5.2 Honours and Distinctions**

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

Professor Ian Macgregor, School of Psychology

Received an inaugural National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) Achievement Award.

Professor Leo Radom, Faculty of Science

Awarded the 2008 Craig Medal for research in chemistry by the Australian Academy of Science for his significant contributions to the application of computational quantum chemistry procedures to the study of chemical structures and reactions.

Professor Richard Shine, Faculty of Science

Awarded the 2008 Burnet Medal and Lecture for biological research by the Australian Academy of Science for his outstanding and influential research history in ecology, evolution and conservation spanning over 30 years.

Dr Anthony Grant, School of Psychology

Received an award from the British Psychological Society for his outstanding professional and scientific contribution to coaching psychology.

Dr Rebecca Ivers, Faculty of Medicine

Received an inaugural National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) Achievement Award.

Dr Kostya Ostrikov, Faculty of Science

Awarded a 2008 early-career research award by the Australian Academy of Science for his research excellence in plasma nanoscience and its potential application for future computer chips, solar cells and communication systems.

Mr Ross Coleman, Director, Sydney eScholarship

Awarded the 2007 Council of Australian University Librarians (CAUL) Achievement Award.

Australia Day Awards 2008:**ORDER OF AUSTRALIA****MEMBER (AM) IN THE GENERAL DIVISION****Associate Professor Frances Mary BOYLE, Faculty of Medicine**

For service to oncology as a researcher and clinician, particularly in the treatment of breast and brain cancers, to medical education, and as a contributor to professional organisations.

Associate Professor Michael Robert FEARNSIDE, Faculty of Medicine

For service to medicine, particularly neurosurgery, as a clinician, researcher and educator, to medical administration and the development of professional standards, and to the medico-legal sector.

Professor Vance Xavier GLEDHILL, School of Information Technology

For service to computer science as an academic, researcher and administrator, through contributions to the development of computer applications, particularly in the education and health sectors, and to the community.

Dr Susan Lunt PAGE, Faculty of Medicine (Northern Rivers)

For service to medicine and to the community through commitment to improving access to health and medical services in rural and remote areas, and through professional, educational and advisory roles.

The Honourable Kevin Richard ROZZOLI, Department of Government

For service to the New South Wales Parliament, and to the community of the Greater Western Sydney area through a range of environmental protection, health and welfare, and educational organisations.

Emeritus Professor Tony VINSON, Faculty of Education and Social Work

For service to social welfare through academic, government and community roles, as a contributor to state and federal policy formulation, and as a champion of social justice.

MEDAL (OAM) OF THE ORDER OF AUSTRALIA IN THE GENERAL DIVISION

Clinical Associate Professor Eugen MOLODYSKY, Faculty of Medicine

For service to medical education, particularly in the areas of general practice, through clinical teaching, curriculum and professional development and research into cervical cancer prevention.

Associate Professor Suzanne Dorothy RUTLAND, Faculty of Arts

For service to Jewish education and history through a range of higher education development roles and as an author and academic, and to the promotion of interfaith relations.

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.

5.3 General Report

5.3.1 Academic Board Membership for 2008

The Chair nominates Professor Scott Kable for membership of the Academic Board under clause 5.1.6 of the *University of Sydney (Academic Governance) Rule 2003* for a term expiring 31 December 2009.

Professor Kable has served on the Academic Board since 1 January 2004, and has served as the Chair of the Undergraduate Studies Committee since 17 May 2006. Professor Kable did not renominate for membership of the Academic Board in 2007, as at that time he was ineligible, having already served two terms as a member of the Academic Board.

It is recommended that Professor Kable be appointed to the Academic Board so that he may continue in his position as Chair of the Undergraduate Studies Committee.

Recommendation

That the Academic Board endorse the Chair's nomination of Professor Scott Kable to membership of the Academic Board under clause 5.1.6 of the University of Sydney (Academic Governance) Rule 2003 for a term expiring 31 December 2009.

5.3.2 Chairs of the Academic Board Standing Committees

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 Professor Belinda Bennett as Chair of the Academic Staffing Committee, Associate Professor Peter McCallum as Chair of the Graduate Studies Committee, Associate Professor Greg Ryan as Chair of the Learning and Teaching Committee, Professor Jill Trehwella as Chair of the Research Committee and Professor Scott Kable as Chair of the Undergraduate Studies Committee, for a term expiring on 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 Professor Belinda Bennett as Chair of the Academic Staffing Committee, Associate Professor Peter McCallum as Chair of the Graduate Studies Committee, Associate Professor Greg Ryan as Chair of the Learning and Teaching Committee, Professor Jill Trehwella as Chair of the Research Committee and Professor Scott Kable as Chair of the Undergraduate Studies Committee, for a term expiring on 31 December 2009, as set out in the report presented.

5.3.3 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 for a term expiring on 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 P McCallum as Deputy Chair of the Academic Board for a term expiring on 31 December 2009, as set out in the report presented.

5.3.4 Academic Board Membership: Filling of Casual Vacancies

Clause 34.1 of the *University of Sydney (Academic Governance) Rule 2003* provides for the filling of a casual vacancy in elected academic staff members to the Academic Board.

Such a vacancy currently exists amongst the elected academic staff members from the Faculty of Medicine, and the Dean of the Faculty has nominated Professor Chris Murphy to fill the vacancy.

Recommendation

That the Academic Board approve the appointment of Professor Chris Murphy to fill the casual vacancy among elected academic staff members from the Faculty of Medicine for a term expiring 31 December 2009, as set out in the report presented.

5.3.5 Academic Board Faculty Reviews: Phase 3 Guidelines *Supplementary agenda*

At its meeting of 18 April 2007, the Academic Board noted that the guidelines for Phase 3 of the Academic Board Faculty Reviews had been revised since their original approval by the Board in November 2006.

The final version of the Phase 3 Guidelines will be distributed in the Supplementary agenda for the approval of the Academic Board. The Chair will also provide an update on Faculty reviews conducted for Phase 3.

Recommendation

That the Academic Board approve the guidelines for the Academic Board Phase 3 Faculty Reviews, as set out in the report presented.

5.3.6 Ethical Entrepreneurialism Working Party: Terms of Reference

Supplementary agenda

At its meeting of 10 October 2007, the Academic Board received a report from the Chair of the Academic Board and the Provost and Deputy Vice-Chancellor entitled "the Academic User's Guide to Ethical Entrepreneurialism". It was noted at this meeting that a Working Party would be established to develop a consolidated policy statement on this issue.

The draft terms of reference for this Working Party will be distributed in the Supplementary agenda for the approval of the Academic Board.

Recommendation

That the Academic Board approve the terms of reference for the Ethical Entrepreneurialism Working Party, as set out in the report presented.

5.3.7 Actions taken under Delegated Authority

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The Chair has taken the following actions on behalf of the Academic Board since the Board's meeting of 12 December 2007:

(1) Amendment of English Language Requirements

Under delegated authority, the Chair has approved amendments to the English language requirements for the Bachelor of Education and the Master of Teaching (incorporating the Bachelor of Teaching). The Faculty of Education and Social Work requested approval to amend the English language requirements in response to changes by the NSW Institute of Teachers. Under the requested change, the overall IELTS score of 7.5 remains unchanged, but applicants will now be required to have achieved a minimum of 7.5, rather than 7.0, in all components.

Recommendation

That the Academic Board:

- (1) note the report of the Chair of the Academic Board on actions taken under delegated authority since the Academic Board meeting of 12 December 2007,*
 - (2) approve the amendment to Schedule 1 of the policy "Admission to Undergraduate Courses", and*
 - (3) approve the amendment to Appendix 1 of the policy "Postgraduate English Language Requirements"*
- as set out in the report presented.*

5.3.8 Application for Early Submission of PhD Thesis

The *University of Sydney (Doctor of Philosophy (PhD)) Rule 2004* provides for the Chair of the Academic Board to accept for examination a PhD thesis submitted by a candidate enrolled for less than the minimum length of candidature.

The Chair of the Academic Board approved an application for early submission of a PhD thesis from the Faculty of Science.

Recommendation

The Academic Board note the report of the Chair of the Academic Board regarding his approval of an application for early submission of a PhD thesis, as set out in the report presented.

Schedule 1.

Faculty-specific English Language Requirements

Faculty/Course	English Language Requirements	
Faculty of Education & Social Work Bachelor of Education	TOEFL: 627 or better, plus TWE at 5+ Computer-based TOEFL 263 or better, plus Essay Rating of 5 or better IELTS: Overall band score of 7.5 or better with a minimum score of <u>7.5</u> in each of the components CULT: 85	

Appendix One: Schedule of approved Faculty variations, above the University minimum requirements

Faculty	Course	Requirements (above the University minimum)	Approval Date
Faculty of Education and Social Work	Master of Teaching	<ul style="list-style-type: none">IELTS – Overall band score of 7.5 or better with no band less than <u>7.5</u>	<u>27 February 2008</u>