

**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:

**Professor David Armstrong, Faculty of Arts**

Elected to the American Academy of Arts and Sciences.

**Professor John Hearn, Deputy Vice-Chancellor (International)**

Appointed to the board of the Australian Nuclear Science and Technology Organisation (ANSTO).

**Professor Peter Robinson, Faculty of Science**

Received a further Federation Fellowship to continue his work on wave and particle physics and quantitative brain analysis.

**Professor Colin Sullivan, Faculty of Medicine**

Received a 2008 Australian Academy of Technological Sciences and Engineering Clunies Ross award.

**Associate Professor William Christie, Faculty of Arts**

Awarded the 2008 NSW Premier's Prize for Literary Scholarship for his biography of Samuel Taylor Coleridge.

**Dr Christine Asmar, Institute for Teaching and Learning**

Awarded a 2008 Associate Fellowship by the Carrick Institute for Teaching and Learning.

**Dr Vanessa Barrs, Faculty of Veterinary Science**

Awarded the 2007 Australian Veterinary Association Excellence in Teaching Award.

**Dr Joss Bland-Hawthorn, Faculty of Science**

Awarded the Astronomical Society of the Pacific's Maria and Eric Muhlmann Award for his contributions to the field of astronomy.

**Dr Merran Govendir, Faculty of Veterinary Science**

Awarded a Society Fellowship by the Higher Education Research and Development Society of Australasia.

***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 Applications for Early Submission of PhD Theses**

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 has approved an application for early submission of a PhD thesis from the Faculty of Engineering and Information

Technologies (and two applications for early submission from the Faculty of Medicine).

**Recommendation**

*That the Academic Board note the report of the Chair of the Academic Board regarding his approval of applications for early submission of a PhD theses, as set out in the report presented.*