

**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 Brian Gaensler, Faculty of Science

Awarded a 2008 Young Tall Poppy Awards for NSW and the ACT.

Professor Ron McCallum, Faculty of Law

Elected to the United Nation's monitoring committee for the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.

Associate Professor Rebecca Ivers, Faculty of Medicine

Awarded a 2008 Young Tall Poppy Awards for NSW and the ACT.

Associate Professor Michelle Lincoln, Faculty of Health Sciences

Awarded an ALTC award for her role in developing a new national competency based assessment tool for speech pathology students.

Dr Kathy Belov, Faculty of Veterinary Science

Awarded a 2008 Young Tall Poppy Awards for NSW and the ACT.

Dr Michael McDonnell, Faculty of Arts

Awarded the General History Prize in the 2008 Premier's History Awards.

Dr Peter Rutledge, Faculty of Science

Awarded a 2008 Young Tall Poppy Awards for NSW and the ACT.

Ms Natalie Aroyan, Sydney Conservatorium of Music

Winner of the 2008 Herald Sun Aria award.

Ms Emma Moore, Sydney Conservatorium of Music

Awarded the Dame Joan Sutherland and Richard Bonyngue Scholarship at the McDonald's Performing Arts Challenge.

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 Appointment of Acting Chair

Clause 8.1 of the *University of Sydney (Academic Governance) Rule 2003* provides for the Deputy Chair to act as an alternate chair of Academic Board meetings and attend meetings of Senate in the absence of the Chair of the Academic Board.

As the Chair will be on leave for the period 17 November to 7 December, the Academic Board is asked to approve the appointment of the Deputy Chair, Associate Professor Peter McCallum, to the position of Acting Chair for this period. This will enable the work of the Board to continue for this period, and for Professor McCallum to officially represent the Academic Board at a variety of meetings.

Recommendation

That the Academic Board approve the appointment of Associate Professor Peter McCallum to the position of Acting Chair of the Academic Board for the period 17 November to 7 December, as set out in the report presented.

6.3.2 Academic Board Forum

The Chair will provide an oral report on the Academic Board Forum held on Friday, 31 October 2008.

Recommendation

That the Academic Board note the report on the Academic Board Forum held on 31 October 2008, as set out in the report presented.

6.3.3 Academic Board Membership: Filling of Casual Vacancy

Clause 35.1 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.

Dr Nicole Gurrán, from the Faculty of Architecture, Design and Planning, will be on leave for much of 2009 and has elected to step down from her position as a representative of that Faculty. The Dean of the Faculty has nominated Professor Alan Peters to fill the resulting vacancy.

Recommendation

That the Academic Board:

- (1) approve the appointment of Professor Alan Peters to fill the casual vacancy among elected academic staff members from the Faculty of Architecture, Design and Planning for the period 1 January to 31 December 2009, and*
- (2) acknowledge Dr Gurrán's membership of the Academic Board as set out in the report presented.*