

AGENDA ITEM 13**Report of the Academic Staffing Committee****13.2 Report of the Academic Staffing Committee meeting held on 29 April 2009**

The Committee met on 29 April 2009 when there were present: The Chair (Professor B Bennett) presiding, Professors D Day, G Hancock, G Llewellyn, C Murphy, G Pearson, I Ramzan and B Sutton, and Ms B Anderson, Mr J Dixon and Mr C Streeter. Ms M Kemmis was in attendance.

13.2.1 Proceedings of the Committee**(1) Titles for Retired Staff**

The Committee noted a response from the University of Sydney Association of Professors on the concept of allowing retired professors to retain the title "professor" without any further qualifier (such as "emeritus" or "honorary"). A brief paper on this issue will be developed by the Committee for submission to the Academic Board later this year.

(2) Promotions

The Committee discussed issues related to promotions in the research-only and teaching and research tracks, as well as where staff receive an externally funded research fellowship with an associated appointment to a higher level. It was agreed that this issue would be referred to the Academic Roles Working Group established under the University's Work Slate.

(3) Survey of Teaching Support Staff

The Committee noted data compiled by SydneyPeople on the extent of academic teaching undertaken by non-employees (including casuals). Members noted that further data was required, and it was agreed that a number of faculties would be selected by SydneyPeople for more intensive research on this matter.

(4) Other Reports

The Committee also noted the reports of the Academic Board meetings of 25 February, 10 March and 15 April 2009.