

**AGENDA ITEM 6
Report of the Chair**

6.1 Report on Senate Matters

6.1.1 Report of the Senate meeting held on 21 September 2009

Senate, at its meeting on 21 September 2009, on the report of the Academic Board meeting held on 26 August 2009:

- (1) noted the Chair's oral report;
- (2) approved the amendment of the Resolutions of Senate relating to the Governance of Faculties, Colleges, College Boards, Departments, Schools and Committees, as set out in the report presented.
- (3) approved the amendment of the Resolutions of Senate relating to the *University of Sydney (Amendment Act) Rule 1999* (as amended), as set out in the tabled report presented.
- (4) noted the report on minor course amendments.
- (5) noted the report that the Board had:
 - debated the Vice-Chancellor's discussion paper on the review of the Academic Board;
 - approved an amendment to the membership of the Academic Board;
 - approved the 2010 semester dates for the Faculty of Medicine;
 - noted the report of the 2009 Sydney Winter School;
 - approved amendments to the policy "Admission to Undergraduate Courses; and
 - approved amendments to the policy "Postgraduate English Language Requirements".

Recommendation

That the Academic Board note the report of the Chair of the Academic Board on academic matters considered by Senate at its meeting of 21 September 2009.

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 Belinda Bennett, Faculty of Law

Appointed as a member of the Medical Board of Australia and as a member of the NHMRC Embryo Research Licensing Committee (2009-2012).

Professor Juergen Goetz, BMRI, Faculty of Medicine

Named the 2009 NSW Scientist of the Year (Biomedical Sciences) Category Winner.

Professor Basil Roufogalis, Faculty of Pharmacy

Awarded the inaugural National Institute of Complementary Medicine Research Excellence Award.

Professor Stephen Simpson, Faculty of Science

Named the 2009 NSW Scientist of the Year.

Professor Ronald Trent, Faculty of Medicine

Re-appointed as a member of the National Health and Medical Research Council.

Australian Research Council Future Fellowships

The following academic staff members at the University have been awarded fellowships:

Dr Fiona Allon, Faculty of Arts
Dr Margaret Barbour, Faculty of Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources
Dr Kathy Belov, Faculty of Veterinary Science
Dr Aaron Corn, Faculty of Arts
Dr Andrew Doherty, Faculty of Science
Dr Peter Franks, Faculty of Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources
Dr Georg Gottwald, Faculty of Science
Dr Irina Harris, Faculty of Science
Dr Alex Holcombe, Faculty of Science
Dr David Hunter, Faculty of Medicine
Dr Boris Kuhlmeier, Faculty of Science
Associate Professor Jane Latimer, Faculty of Medicine
Dr Hong Yuan Liu, Faculty of Engineering and Information Technologies
Associate Professor Andrew Martin, Faculty of Education and Social Work
Professor Thomas Maschmeyer, Faculty of Science
Dr Martin Thomas, Faculty of Arts
Dr Jean Yee Yang, Faculty of Science

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.