

GAZETTE

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Summary of key activities

- A. The University of Divinity 2017 Annual Report was approved by Council in March 2018, and tabled in the Victorian Parliament on Tuesday 1 May 2018. It is available on the University website at <https://www.divinity.edu.au/news-events/2018/05/07/2017-annual-report/>.
- B. Council has approved Graduation Ceremonies to be held at 7.30pm Friday 30 November 2018, Immanuel College, Novar Gardens, South Australia; 7.30pm Thursday 7 February 2019, The Platform, West Perth, Western Australia; 7.30pm Friday 22 March 2019, St Paul's Cathedral, Melbourne, Victoria; and 7.30pm Friday 29 November 2019, Immanuel College, Novar Gardens, South Australia.
- C. Council has approved the report and recommendations of the Major Review of St Athanasius College and authorised the renewal of the Collegiate Agreement for a period of seven years to 31 December 2024.
- D. Academic Board has approved a comprehensive implementation plan to provide for the reweighting of standard postgraduate units from 1 January 2019 (fulltime year to be revised from 90 points to 120 points) and changes to the standard word-counts for assessment of postgraduate units from 1 January 2020.
- E. The University congratulates Professor Mark Brett of Whitley College on his appointment as General Editor of the Society of Biblical Literature's Journal of Biblical Literature, effective 1 January 2019.

1. Regulations and Determinations

The Regulations are available at

<http://www.divinity.edu.au/university-of-divinity/governance/the-act-and-regulations/>

- 1.1 On 2 May 2018, the Council made the following amendments to Regulations and Determinations:
 - a) Determination 1.2 to Regulation 18: Centres – revision to membership of the Centre for Research in Religion and Social Policy Committee.
 - b) Determination 4 to Regulation 1: General Provisions – revision to Terms of Reference for the Strategic Planning Committee
- 1.2 On 13 April 2018, the Academic Board made the following amendments to Determinations to Regulations:
 - a) Determination 2 to Regulation 2, revised Terms of Reference for the Academic Quality Committee (previously Academic Quality and Standards Committee).

- b) Determination 4 to Regulation 2, revised Terms of Reference for the Learning and Teaching Committee.
- c) Determination 12.6 of Regulation 2: to add the following universities to the list of Recognised Institutions: Baghdad University, Iraq; and Singapore Bible College, Singapore
- d) Determinations to Regulation 43: Graduate Certificate in Leadership.

2. Policies and Procedures

Policies and Procedures may be located on the University website at

<http://www.divinity.edu.au/university-of-divinity/governance/policies-and-procedures/>

2.1 On 2 May 2018, Council approved revisions to the following policies:

- a) Academic Staff Policy, sections 7, 8 and 9. These changes provide for approval of applications for accreditation of academic staff by the Director of Learning and Teaching (delivery of units) or Director of Research (honorary researchers) according to the criteria set by the Policy with reporting of approvals to the Academic Board. The Staff Application form has been updated to comply with the revised Academic Staff Policy.
- b) Research Grants Policy, to increase the maximum award for a Small Grant to \$4000.

2.2 On 13 April 2018, the Academic Board approved the following new or revised policies:

- a) Learning Management System Policy (new policy) with effect from 1 July 2018.
- b) Research Essay Policy revised to increase the word count for the Research Essay from 12,000 to 16,000 words with effect from 1 January 2019.
- c) Unit Policy section 4.5 revised to provide for a revised definition of a Capstone Unit (including the prohibition of using Supervised Reading Units as Capstone Units) with effect from 1 January 2020.
- d) Student Unit Evaluation Policy revised with a view to clarify processes for collection of unit evaluations, reporting to College Academic Committees and the University's Academic Board, and closing the loop on results recommended for commendation or improvement.
- e) Prizes Policy: Schedule A amended to include the recording on academic transcripts of the Research Stipend Scholarship and the Research Fee Scholarship when awarded to HDR students.

3. Appointments

3.1 Academic Staff

3.1.1 Dr Adam Cooper was classified as Associate Professor (Level D) in accordance with the Academic Staff policy. He was accredited to deliver units in the discipline of Systematic Theology (CT) and Church History (CH) at all levels under Section 6.4.1(e) of the Academic Staff Policy.

- 3.1.2 Revd Jacob Mudge was accredited to deliver units DP1001C/2001C/8001C: Pastoral Studies 1: A theory of Pastoral Practice and DP1002C/2002C/8002C: Pastoral Studies 2: Pastoral Care and Spiritual Leadership under Section 6.4.1d of the Academic Staff Policy; and units in Systematic Theology at all levels under Section 6.4.1e of the Academic Staff Policy.
- 3.1.3 Revd Dr David Starling was classified as Associate Professor (Level D) in accordance with the Academic Staff policy.
- 3.1.4 Revd Dr Michael Varney was accredited to deliver units DP0136W Growing as Leaders A and DP0136W Growing as Leaders B under Section 6.4.1a of the Academic Staff Policy.

3.2 Honorary Appointments

- 3.2.1 Dr Carolyn Alsen was appointed as Honorary Postdoctoral Associate for a term concluding 31 December 2020.
- 3.2.2 Revd Dr Jane Lee-Barker was appointed as Honorary Postdoctoral Associate for a term concluding 31 December 2020.
- 3.2.3 Dr Gregory Brown was reappointed as Honorary Postdoctoral Associate for a term concluding 31 December 2020.
- 3.2.4 Dr Scott Charlesworth was reappointed as Honorary Research Associate for a term concluding 31 December 2020.
- 3.2.5 Assistant Professor Karel Inemée was appointed as Honorary Research Associate for a term concluding 31 December 2020.
- 3.2.6 Revd Dr Eric Trozzo was appointed as Honorary Research Associate for a term concluding 31 December 2020.
- 3.2.7 Professor Ruth Webber was reappointed as Honorary Research Fellow for a term concluding 31 December 2020.

3.3 Other Appointments

- 3.3.1 Professor Stephen Burns, currently Stewart Professor in Liturgical and Practical Theology at Trinity College Theological School, has been appointed to the Faculty of Pilgrim College as Coordinator of Ministry Studies. He will take up his new position from mid July 2018.
- 3.3.2 John Bartholomeusz will conclude his employment as Director of Academic Services in the Office of the Vice-Chancellor on Friday 1 June 2018.
- 3.3.3 Dr Fotini Toso's part-time appointment as Research Development Coordinator in the Office of the Vice-Chancellor has been converted to a full-time appointment with effect from 1 July 2018.

4. Other Matters

- 4.1 Council has approved Graduation Ceremonies to be held at 7.30pm Friday 30 November 2018, Immanuel College, Novar Gardens, South Australia; 7.30pm Thursday 7 February 2019, The Platform, West Perth, Western Australia; 7.30pm Friday 22 March 2019, St

Paul's Cathedral, Melbourne, Victoria; and 7.30pm Friday 29 November 2019, Immanuel College, Novar Gardens, South Australia.