

GAZETTE

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Summary of key activities

- Note: The Office of the Vice-Chancellor will be closed for the Christmas holidays from Monday 24 December 2018 to Tuesday 1 January 2019. The office will reopen on Wednesday 2 January 2019.
- A.** Professor Gabrielle McMullen has been appointed by the Council as Acting Vice-Chancellor for the term 1 January – 30 June 2019. Under University Regulation 1, the Acting Vice-Chancellor may exercise all the powers of the Vice-Chancellor. Professor Peter Sherlock will be on long service leave and research leave during this period and will return to duties on 1 July 2019.
 - B.** Council has amended the University's Mission Statement to align with the strategic aims of the University.
 - C.** Council has approved amendments to the 2016-2025 Strategic Plan. The goals are arranged in three categories derived from the University's Mission statement: Excellence, Growth, and Engagement.
 - D.** Council has approved the 2019 University Business Plan and Budget.
 - E.** On 29 November 2018 the University signed a Collegiate Agreement with Stirling Theological College for a further term of seven years commencing 1 January 2019.
 - F.** On 13 December 2018 the University signed a Collegiate Agreement with Morling College for a further term of three years commencing 1 January 2019.
 - G.** The University signed a University Libraries Agreement with 15 libraries. This clarifies the mutual responsibilities of the University and each library, provides for the members of the Library Committee of the Academic Board, and ensures the digital Library Hub continues to be funded by the University.
 - I.** Major Gregory Morgan was awarded the University's Distinguished Service Medal at a graduation ceremony held on Friday 30 November 2018 at Immanuel College Chapel, Adelaide. The award was made in recognition of Major Morgan's distinguished service to the University as a leader, missiologist, author and teacher.
 - J.** Ms Tricia Lewis was awarded the University's Distinguished Service Medal on 31 October 2018. Ms Lewis concluded her employment at the Office of the Vice-Chancellor in November 2018, following 17 years of service in a variety of roles.
 - K.** 61 students graduated at a Graduation Ceremony held on 30 November 2018 at Immanuel College Chapel, Novar Gardens, Adelaide, with Major Gregory Morgan as the speaker.

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 28 November 2018, Council approved the following amendments to Regulations and Determinations:
 - 1.1.1 University awards repealed: Regulation 55: Graduate Diploma in Biblical Languages; Regulation 56: Graduate Diploma in Biblical Studies (with a teach out clause concluding 2020); Regulation 57: Graduate Diploma in Church History; Regulation 58: Graduate Diploma in Liturgy; Regulation 59: Graduate Diploma in Ministry Studies; Regulation 60: Graduate Diploma in Missiology; Regulation 68: Master of Biblical Studies (with a teach out clause concluding 2023); Regulation 69: Master of Church History (with a teach out clause concluding 2023).
 - 1.1.2 Indigenous Theology Fund: University of Divinity aims to support Indigenous people, especially Aboriginal people and Torres Strait Islanders, in theological study, research and scholarship. Regulation 44 has been amended to include this as Fund Record 10.
 - 1.1.3 Grants Committee: Council has concluded the Grants Committee with effect from 28 November 2018. The business overseen by this Committee has been transferred to the Finance and Investment Committee. The Determinations to Regulation 1 have been amended accordingly.
 - 1.1.4 University Executive: The Terms of Reference for the University Executive under the Determinations to Regulation 1 have been amended to include a reporting relationship with the Strategic Planning Committee.
- 1.2 On 14 September 2018, the Academic Board made the following amendments to Determinations to Regulations:
 - 1.2.1 Credit Policy: Amendment of all provisions in Determinations governing awards to refer for general rules to the revised Credit Policy, while retaining credit provisions pertaining to individual awards in the Determinations.
 - 1.2.2 Library Committee Terms of Reference: Determination 5.1.1 of Regulation 2, the terms for membership to the Library Committee have been amended.
 - 1.2.3 Principal Supervisor and Associate Supervisor: The requirements for supervisors supervising as the majority supervisor of a higher degree by research thesis have been amended in: Determination 7.1.5 (3) of Regulation 7 Master of Philosophy; Determination 9.1.5 (3) of Regulation 9 Doctor of Theology; Determination 22.1.5 (3) of Regulation 22 Doctor of Philosophy; and, Determination 38.1.5 (3) of Regulation 38 Master of Philosophy.
 - 1.2.4 Course Modification: The option of doing the course of study by minor thesis has been removed from Determination 7.2.3 of Regulation 7 Master of Philosophy and Determination 38.2.3 of Regulation 38 Master of Theology with effect from 1 July 2019. Students currently enrolled in the minor thesis version are permitted to complete their awards with this option.

- 1.2.5 Course Modification: Determination 49.2.4 of Regulation 49 Graduate Certificate in Ignatian Spirituality has been modified to require the completion of two elective units instead of three, and two units have been amended/added to the selection choice.
- 1.2.6 Course Modification: Determination 77.2.3 of Regulation 77 Graduate Certificate in Theological Education has been amended to change the course outcomes.
- 1.2.7 Course Modification: Determination 54.2.4.1 Regulation 54 Graduate Certificate in Teaching Religious Education has been modified to reflect minor changes to the names of units taught by Catholic Theological College.
- 1.2.8 Accreditation to teach the following awards has been withdrawn under the Determinations in Regulation 3, following relinquishment of these awards by the below mentioned colleges:

Determination 3.8.2 Catholic Theological College: Graduate Diploma in Biblical Studies, Graduate Diploma in Church History, Graduate Diploma in Liturgy, Graduate Diploma in Spirituality, Master of Biblical Studies, and Master of Church History;

Determination 3.8.3 Eva Burrows College: Graduate Certificate in Spirituality, Graduate Diploma in Biblical Studies, Graduate Diploma in Ministry Studies, and Graduate Diploma in Missiology, and Graduate Diploma in Pastoral Care;

Determination 3.8.8 Stirling College: Master of Biblical Studies;

Determination 3.8.10 Whitley College: Graduate Diploma in Biblical Languages, Graduate Diploma in Biblical Studies, Graduate Diploma in Ministry Studies, and Graduate Diploma in Missiology.

2. Policies and Procedures

Policies and Procedures are available on the University website at

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

- 2.1 On 28 November 2018 Council approved the following policies:
 - 2.1.1 Administrative Governance Policy: This policy has been revised to incorporate the Meeting Policy.
 - 2.1.2 Awards and Prizes Policy: The Awards Policy has been renamed the Awards and Prizes Policy and revised to incorporate the Prizes Policy.
 - 2.1.3 Bursary Policy: The policy has been revised to reflect changes effected by the conclusion of the Grants Committee.
 - 2.1.3 Health and Safety Policy: The OH&S Policy and the OVC OH&S Policy have been combined and revised under the new name of Health and Safety Policy.
 - 2.1.4 Information Technology Access and Use Policy: The Information and Cyber Security Policy has been revised and renamed as Information Technology Access and Use Policy.
 - 2.1.5 Investment Policy: Policy amended to include a clause on Ethical or Socially Responsible Investment.

- 2.1.6 Meeting Policy: The policy has been repealed and incorporated into the Administrative Governance Policy.
- 2.2** On 9 November 2018 the Academic Board approved the following policies:
- 2.2.1 Academic Quality Policy: The definition of Attrition Rate has been amended to reflect the measure used by TEQSA.
- 2.2.2 Academic Staff Policy: The policy has been amended to include the revised requirements for Supervisors and Associate Supervisors supervising as the majority supervisor of a higher degree by research thesis.
- 2.2.3 Assessment Policy: The policy has been revised to incorporate the Extensions and Special Consideration Policy.
- 2.2.4 Awards and Prizes Policy: Schedule A has been amended to include The Leslie Tomlinson Prize which is in honour of The Most Rev. Leslie R. Tomlinson DD, 7th Bishop of Sandhurst. This prize is for an outstanding essay in Moral Theology.
- 2.2.5 Credit Policy: The section on General Rules has been removed and the Specified Credit Rules and Unspecified Credit Rules amended. Two new clauses have been added to the Application Procedures.
- 2.2.6 Enrolment Policy: Section 11 of the Enrolment Policy which dealt with Course Transfer has been repealed; this information is now located in the Credit Policy. A section on Deferral of Study has been included in the policy.
- 2.2.7 Extensions and Special Consideration Policy: This policy has been repealed and the information on extensions and special considerations included in the Assessment Policy.
- 2.2.8 Minor Thesis Policy: The Research Essay has been renamed the Minor Thesis and the name of the Policy amended accordingly. Students currently enrolled in the Research Essay will be permitted to complete in 2019 with the current title.
- 2.2.9 Prizes Policy: This policy has been repealed and the information included in the Awards and Prizes Policy.
- 2.2.10 Supervisors Policy: This policy has been amended to include the revised requirements for Supervisors and Associate Supervisors supervising as the majority supervisor of a higher degree by research thesis.
- 3. Appointments**
- 3.1 Academic Staff**
- 3.1.1 Dr Kylie Crabbe has been appointed as Supervisor of a higher degree by research thesis; and accredited to deliver units in the discipline of New Testament (BN), at all levels; and Units in the discipline of Biblical Studies (BS), at all levels within the University of Divinity.
- 3.1.2 Reverend Dr Bob Derrenbacker has been appointed as an Associate Professor; Supervisor of a higher degree by research thesis; and accredited to deliver units in the Discipline of New Testament (BN), at all levels within the University of Divinity.

- 3.1.3 Reverend Dr Gary Heard has been appointed as Senior Lecturer (Level C) within the University of Divinity.
- 3.1.4 Reverend Dr Stephen Hultgren has been appointed as Senior Lecturer (Level C) within the University of Divinity.
- 3.1.5 Reverend Dr Timothy MacBride has been appointed as a Senior Lecturer (Level C) within the University of Divinity.
- 3.1.6 Dr Nola Norris has been appointed as Lecturer (Level B) within the University of Divinity.
- 3.1.7 Reverend Dr Duncan Reid has been appointed Supervisor of a higher degree by research thesis within the University of Divinity.
- 3.1.8 Professor Richard Rymarz has been reappointed Honorary Research Fellow for a term of two years concluding 31 December 2020.
- 3.1.9 Dr Siu Fung Wu has been reappointed Honorary Researcher of the University of Divinity for a term of two years concluding 31 December 2020.

3.2 Other Appointments

- 3.2.1 Dr Lisa Agaiby has been appointed as Deputy Chair of the Research Committee for a term of three years concluding 31 December 2021.
- 3.2.2 Mr John Ballard has been reappointed as an external member of the Risk Management and Audit Committee for a term of three years concluding 31 December 2021.
- 3.2.3 Ms Leonie Bird (Yarra Theological Union) has been appointed as the higher degree by research student member of the Academic Board for a term of two years concluding 31 December 2020.
- 3.2.4 Reverend John Bottomley has been appointed as Acting Chair of the Centre for Research in Religion and Social Policy Committee for a term of six months concluding 30 June 2019.
- 3.2.5 Mr Campbell Bairstow has been appointed as a member of the Human Research Ethics Committee for a term of three years concluding 31 December 2021.
- 3.2.6 Mr Peter Campbell has been reappointed as Chair of the Student Services Committee for a term of three years concluding 31 December 2021.
- 3.2.7 Dr Rosemary Canavan has been reappointed as a member of the Research Grants Panel for a term of three years concluding 31 December 2021.
- 3.2.8 Dr Robert Dixon has been reappointed as external member of the Research Committee for a term of three years concluding 31 December 2021.
- 3.2.9 Ms Jane Edwards has been reappointed as a member of the Human Research Ethics Committee for a term of three years concluding 31 December 2021.
- 3.2.10 Emeritus Professor Anne Hunt has been reappointed as a member of Council by the Episcopal Conference of the Melbourne Province of the Roman Catholic Church in Victoria for a term of three years concluding 31 December 2021; and as a member of the Strategic Planning Committee for a term concluding 31 December 2021.

- 3.2.11 Reverend Katrina Lambert has been reappointed as a member of Council by the Baptist Union of Victoria for a term of three years concluding 31 December 2021.
- 3.2.12 Professor Nicolette Lee has been appointed as an external member of the Academic Promotions Committee for a term of three years concluding 31 December 2021.
- 3.2.13 Mr George Lopez has been reappointed as Chair of the Human Research Ethics Committee for a term of one year concluding 31 December 2019.
- 3.2.14 Mr Terry McCredden has been reappointed as a member of the Finance and Investment Committee for a term of three years concluding 31 December 2021.
- 3.2.15 Dr Andrew Menzies has been reappointed as a member of Council by the Churches of Christ in Victoria and Tasmania for a term of three years concluding 31 December 2021, and by the Council as Deputy Chancellor of the University for a further term of three years concluding 31 December 2021.
- 3.2.16 Reverend Dr Bob Mitchell has been appointed as a member of Council by the Anglican Church of Australia in Victoria for a term concluding 31 December 2020.
- 3.2.17 Mr Shady Nessim (St Athanasius College) has been appointed as the coursework student member of the Academic Board for a term of two years concluding 31 December 2020.
- 3.2.18 Associate Professor Glen O'Brien has been appointed as Chair of the Research Committee for a term of three years concluding 31 December 2021; and, as a member of the Research Grants Panel for a term of three years concluding 31 December 2021.
- 3.2.19 Ms Brooke Prentis has been appointed as a member of the Finance and Investment Committee for a term of three years concluding 31 December 2021.
- 3.2.20 Dr Claire Renkin has been reappointed as a member of the Research Grants Panel for a term of three years concluding 31 December 2021.
- 3.2.21 Reverend Dr Robyn Whitaker has been appointed as a member of the Research Grants Panel for a term of three years concluding 31 December 2021.

4. Other Matters

- 4.1 On 9 November 2018 the Academic Board approved the Research Coordinator Role Description. This outlines the responsibilities and competencies required by University Regulations and Policies and provides a basis for position descriptions at Colleges.
- 4.2 In October the Council commissioned two external reviews, one for Council and the other for the Human Research Ethics Committee. The reports for these reviews have been received by Council and the recommendations will be implemented in 2019.
- 4.3 All the Regulations have been updated to the versions with effect from 1 January 2019, and republished on the University website under the Regulations (Current) section.
- 4.4 A revised 2019 University Committee Meetings Calendar is available on the University Website.