

GAZETTE

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Note: The University website has a **Coronavirus information page with important updates about measures that the University is taking to safeguard the health of its members and the general public, and to ensure continuity of its educational mission for students.** [Coronavirus Response](#)

The Office of the Vice-Chancellor will be closed for the Easter break from Friday 10 April 2020 to Tuesday 14 April 2020 inclusive.

Summary of key activities

- A.** The University Council has appointed Emeritus Professor Gabrielle McMullen AM as Deputy Chancellor with immediate effect, for a term concluding 31 December 2020. She succeeds Reverend Dr Andrew Menzies following his resignation, effective 11 March 2020.
- B.** 16 students graduated receiving 16 awards at a Graduation Ceremony held on 7 February 2020 at The Platform in Perth. The speaker was Major Deborah Robinson, former principal of Eva Burrows College and now Corps Officer (church leader) at the Salvation Army Corps in Perth.
- C.** The Council of the University of Divinity cancelled the public Graduation Ceremony due to be held at 7.30pm on Friday 27 March 2020 at St Patrick's Cathedral, Melbourne. 346 students receiving 347 awards graduated in absentia at a livestreamed short ceremony. The University will arrange a Service of Thanksgiving for the graduates of 27 March 2020 when it is safe to do so.
- D.** The Annual Report 2019, incorporating the audited financial statements for 2019, was approved by the Council on 11 March 2020 for submission to the Parliament of Victoria. The report will be available from the University website after it has been tabled in Parliament, probably in May 2020.
- E.** A revised version of the [University's Strategic Plan 2016-2025](#) was approved by Council at its meeting on 11 March 2020 and is available on the University website.

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 14 February 2020, the Academic Board made the following amendments to Determinations to Regulations:

- 1.1.1 Determination 43.2.4.1 (a) of Regulation 43: Amended to reflect a change of name of one of the units listed as a required and nominated unit within the Graduate Certificate of Leadership.

2. Policies and Procedures

Policies and Procedures are available on the University website at

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- 2.1** On 11 March 2020 Council approved the following policies:

- 2.1.1 *Administrative Governance Policy*: An additional clause has been added at the new section 5.5 to address the issue of non-attendance of Council, Academic Board, and standing committee members.
- 2.1.2 *Whistleblower Policy*: This new policy responds to changes made by the Commonwealth Government to the Corporations Act 2001 in July 2019, imposing new obligations on corporations to protect whistleblowers.

3. Appointments

3.1 Academic Staff

- 3.1.1 Brian Birkett has been accredited as a Lecturer (Level B) and through Stirling Theological College to deliver units in the discipline of Pastoral Theology and Ministry Studies (DP) at all levels. Christopher Porter has been accredited through Trinity College Theological School to deliver units in the discipline of New Testament (BN), at all levels; DP2500 Theology and Practice of Pastoral Care and AR1009T Study Skills for Theology.
- 3.1.2 Dr Garry Deverell has been accredited through Whitley College to deliver units in the disciplines of Mission and Ministry and Pastoral Theology and Ministry Studies at all levels and through the Acting Director of Research accredited to be appointed as supervisor of a higher degree by research thesis.
- 3.1.3 Johnny Go has been accredited as a Lecturer (Level B), and through Jesuit College of Spirituality to deliver the units DS9401J, DS9409J, DR9401J, DR9409J Ignatian Pedagogy: Future Orientations and through the Director of Research accredited to be appointed supervisor of a higher degree by research thesis.
- 3.1.4 Associate Professor Darrell Jackson has been accredited through Whitley College to deliver the unit BN9002W Matthew and units in the disciplines of Mission and Ministry, Spiritual Direction, Liturgy, Missiology, and Pastoral Theology and Ministry Studies at all levels.
- 3.1.5 Francis Otobo has been accredited through Yarra Theological Union to deliver units in the disciplines of New Testament and Biblical Studies at all levels.
- 3.1.6 Gordon Rixon has been accredited as a Lecturer (Level B); and through Jesuit College of Spirituality to deliver units DS9371J and DS9379J Ignatian Mysticism in the World: Reconciliation and Justice after a Secular Age; to deliver units in the discipline of Spirituality at all levels and through the Acting Director of Research accredited to be appointed as supervisor of a higher degree by research thesis.

3.2 Other Appointments

- 3.2.1 Professor Bill Ashcroft has been reappointed as a deputy external member of the Academic Promotions Committee in accordance with Determination 1.1.3 of Regulation 2, for a term of three years commencing 1 January 2020 and concluding 31 December 2022.
- 3.2.2 Associate Professor Bob Derrenbacker has been appointed as a member of the Strategic Planning Committee in accordance with Determination 4.1.3 of Regulation 1, with immediate effect and concluding 31 December 2022.
- 3.2.3 Professor René Erwich has been appointed as an internal academic member of the Academic Promotions Committee in accordance with Determination 1.1.2 of Regulation 2, for a term of three years commencing 1 January 2020 and concluding 31 December 2022.
- 3.2.4 Reverend Dr Graham Hill was appointed as Deputy Chair of Examiners for a term of three years commencing 1 January 2020 and concluding 31 December 2022. Due to a change in circumstances (see item 4.1) he elected not to take up this appointment.
- 3.2.5 Mr Thomas Hodson has been appointed as a member of the Finance and Investment Committee in accordance with Determination 1.1.3 of Regulation 1, for a term commencing 11 March 2020 and concluding 31 December 2022.
- 3.2.6 Reverend Dr Stephen Hultgren was appointed as a Deputy Chair of Examiners for a term of three years commencing 11 March 2020 and concluding 31 December 2022.
- 3.2.7 Major Dr David Janssen has been reappointed as a member of the Learning Environments Committee in accordance with Determination 3.1.2 of Regulation 2, for a term of three years commencing 1 January 2020 and concluding 31 December 2022.
- 3.2.8 Mr Karl Kloeden has been reappointed as a member of the Learning Environments Committee in accordance with Determination 3.1.3 of Regulation 2, for a term of three years commencing 1 January 2020 and concluding 31 December 2022.
- 3.2.9 Dr Callan Ledsham has been reappointed as a member of the Library Committee in accordance with Determination 5.1.2 of Regulation 2, for a term of three years commencing 1 January 2020 and concluding 31 December 2022.
- 3.2.10 Associate Professor Katharine Massam has been reappointed as an internal academic member of the Academic Promotions Committee in accordance with Determination 1.1.2 of Regulation 2, for a term of three years commencing 1 January 2020 and concluding 31 December 2022.
- 3.2.11 Professor Wendy Mayer was appointed as the inaugural Dean of Research Strategy, a 0.4 FTE role as a secondment from her duties as Associate Dean (Research) at ALC, for a period of two years commencing 11 February 2020.
- 3.2.12 Professor Lynette McCredden has been reappointed as an external member of the Academic Promotions Committee in accordance with Determination 1.1.3 of Regulation 2, for a term of three years commencing 1 January 2020 and concluding 31 December 2022.

- 3.2.13 Mr Terry McCredden has been appointed as a member of the University Council by the Conference of the Churches of Christ in Victoria and Tasmania under the terms of the University of Divinity Act 1910 (Victoria) section 7 (1) (c) (iii) for a term commencing 1 January 2020 and concluding 31 December 2020. Mr McCredden has also been appointed as Chair of the Finance and Investment Committee in accordance with Determination 1.2 of Regulation 1, for a term commencing 11 March 2020 and concluding 31 December 2022.
- 3.2.14 Professor James McLaren has been reappointed as an external member of the Academic Promotions Committee in accordance with Determination 1.1.3 of Regulation 2, for a term of three years commencing 1 January 2020 and concluding 31 December 2022.
- 3.2.15 Reverend Dr Christopher Monaghan has been reappointed as a member, and as Chair, of the Learning Environments Committee, in accordance with Determination 3.1.2 and Determination 3.2 of Regulation 2, for a term of three years commencing 1 January 2020 and concluding 31 December 2022.
- 3.2.16 Dr Carly Osborn has been appointed to the full-time role of Research Strategy Officer within the Office of the Vice-Chancellor, commencing 9 March 2020 and based at ALC's campus in North Adelaide.
- 3.2.17 Ms Katherine Presley has been appointed as a member of the Finance and Investment Committee in accordance with Determination 1.1.3 of Regulation 1, for a term commencing 11 March 2020 and concluding 31 December 2022.
- 3.2.18 Mr Huw Sandaver has been reappointed as a member of the Learning Environments Committee in accordance with Determination 3.1.3 of Regulation 2, for a term of three years commencing 1 January 2020 and concluding 31 December 2022.
- 3.2.19 Mr Huw Sandaver has been reappointed as a member of the Library Committee in accordance with Determination 5.1.3 of Regulation 2, for a term of three years commencing 1 January 2020 and concluding 31 December 2022.
- 3.2.20 Professor Natalie Sims has been appointed as Chair of the Appeals Panel by the Chancellor in accordance with the Appeals Policy section 3.3 a) for a term concluding 31 December 2020.

4. Other Matters

- 4.1 Reverend Dr Graham Hill has been appointed as Interim Principal of Stirling Theological College by the College Board, for a term concluding 31 December 2020.
- 4.2 Reverend Dr Andrew Menzies has resigned as Principal of Stirling Theological College with effect from 30 June 2020. He has taken annual and long service leave, effective 14 February 2020 until the date of resignation.
- 4.3 Professor John McDowell was appointed as Academic Dean of St Athanasius College commencing 3 February 2020.
- 4.4 Reverend Dr John Capper was appointed as Academic Dean of Stirling College commencing 3 February 2020.

- 4.5 Reverend Katrina Lambert resigned as a member of the University Council effective 31 December 2019 after 6 years' of service as a member appointed by the Baptist Union of Victoria.
- 4.6 Mr Joel Plotnek resigned as a member of the University Council effective 31 December 2019 after 12 years' service as a member appointed by the Churches of Christ in Victoria and Tasmania.
- 4.7 Reverend Dr Andrew Menzies has resigned as a member of the University Council effective 12 March 2020 after 9 years' service as a member appointed by the Churches of Christ in Victoria and Tasmania.
- 4.8 Dr Fotini Toso resigned as Research Development Coordinator in the Office of the Vice-Chancellor on 31 January 2020 to take up a new role at RMIT.