

GAZETTE

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Summary of key activities

- A.** Dr Jacob Joseph and Dr Daryl Barclay were awarded the University Medal at the Graduation held in March 2020. This medal is awarded to recognise the achievement of an outstanding doctoral candidate.
- B.** Due to the WHO's declaration of a COVID-19 pandemic, the ban on mass gatherings in Australia and the institution of a state of emergency in Victoria, the University transitioned all units, except those with a practical or field-based component, to online delivery from mid-March 2020. Semester 1 was extended by two weeks to accommodate this. The Academic Calendar for Semester 2 will remain as scheduled.
- C.** On 1 April 2020 Council granted an extraordinary extension of six months, tenable from 1 July 2020 to 31 December 2020, to all students who are enrolled in a higher degree by research at the University of Divinity and who registered for the extraordinary extension no later than 30 April 2020. The extraordinary extension is in addition to the maximum length of candidature prescribed by Regulations 7.2.1, 9.2.1, 22.2.1 and 38.2.1. It also resolved that the University award a Research Fee Scholarship of six months' duration to each student who successfully registered for the extraordinary extension, tenable from 1 July 2020 to 31 December 2020.

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 1 April 2020, Council made the following amendments to Regulations:
 - 1.1.1** Section 1.3.5 of Regulation 1: General Provisions amended to replace the words "another member of the Council" with "a person".
- 1.2** On 17 April 2020, the Academic Board made the following amendments to Determinations to Regulations:
 - 1.2.1** Determinations 4.2.4 of Regulation 4: Bachelor of Theology amended to include a Capstone Unit; and, Determination 4.3.5.3 amended to permit a Capstone unit that may be held in common to dual awards from 1 January 2021.
 - 1.2.2** Determinations 32.2.4 of Regulation 32: Bachelor of Ministry amended to include a Capstone Unit; and, Determination 32.3.5.2 amended to permit a Capstone unit that may be held in common to dual awards from 1 January 2021.

- 1.2.3 Determination 24.2.4 of Regulation 24: Master of Divinity amended to permit students to take four units in Biblical or associated languages without requiring a course variation.
- 1.2.4 Determinations 70.2.4 and 70.3.2 of Regulation 70: Master of Pastoral Care amended to replace Praxis units with Pastoral Theology and Ministry Studies units.
- 1.3** On 6 May 2020, Council made the following amendments to Regulations:
 - 1.2.1 Regulation 44, Fund Record 7: Government Scholarship Reserve Fund repealed and the balance of funds in the Government Scholarship Reserve Fund transferred to the General Reserve Fund.

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 17 April 2020 the Academic Board approved the following policy:
 - 2.1.1 *Minor Thesis Policy*: reference to learning outcomes in items in 6.2(a), 6.2(c) and 7.3 omitted. Schedule A: Minor Thesis Grading Criteria updated to reflect this.

3. Appointments and Accreditations

- 3.1.1 Shivon Barresi has been classified as Associate Lecturer (A) and accredited through Stirling Theological College to deliver units in the disciplines of Professional Counselling (DZ) at undergraduate level.
- 3.1.2 Dr Elizabeth Boase has been accredited through Catholic Theological College to deliver RQ9021C Research Methodologies; through Pilgrim Theological College to deliver units in Biblical Studies (BS) and Old Testament (BA) at all levels; and accredited to be appointed as supervisor of a higher degree by research thesis.
- 3.1.3 Dr Deborah Guess has been appointed through Pilgrim Theological College as Honorary Research Associate until 31 December 2022.
- 3.1.4 Dr Stephen Hultgren was appointed as Deputy Chair of Examiners for a term of three years, beginning on 11 March 2020 and concluding on 31 December 2022.
- 3.1.5 Dr Aaron Lane has been appointed through Catholic Theological College as Honorary Postdoctoral Associate until 31 December 2024.
- 3.1.6 Dr Brian Macallan was appointed as Deputy Chair of Examiners for a term of three years, commencing on 17 April 2020 and concluding on 31 December 2022.
- 3.1.7 Terry McCredden was appointed as a member of the Vice-Chancellor's Review Committee in accordance with Determination 5.1.2 of Regulation 1, for a term of three years, commencing on 6 May 2020 and concluding on 31 December 2022.
- 3.1.8 Dr Anna Nuernberger has been classified as Lecturer (B), accredited through Australian Lutheran College to deliver units in the disciplines of New Testament (BN), Biblical Studies (BS), Languages Ancient and Modern (AL), Education Studies (DE) and Religious Education (DR) at all levels; and to deliver the units BS1003L Exploring the Bible and

BS8003L Bible Then and Now; and, accredited to be appointed as supervisor of a higher degree by research thesis.

- 3.1.9 Dr Titus Olorunnisola has been reappointed through Yarra Theological Union as Honorary Postdoctoral Associate until 31 December 2021.
- 3.1.10 Stephen Said has been accredited through Whitley College to deliver the units DP1010W and CT1010W Youth Spirituality: Theology and Practice.
- 3.1.11 Dr Diane Shearer was appointed to the Course Review Panel for the Spirituality and Spiritual Direction Course Review. She joins Professor Rob McIver and Dr Carmel Posa.
- 3.1.12 Dr Deborah Storie has been accredited through Stirling Theological College to deliver units in the discipline of New Testament (BN) at all levels and accredited to be appointed as supervisor of a higher degree by research thesis.

4. Other Matters

- 4.1 Mr Damien Arnold, Chief Financial Officer, concluded his employment in the Office of the Vice-Chancellor on 1 May. He has taken up an appointment as General Manager of Stirling Theological College.
- 4.2 On Monday 4 May 2020 the Vice-Chancellor and Provincial of the Australian Jesuit Province announced that Jesuit College of Spirituality would cease to be a College of the University on 31 December 2020. Dr Maggie Kappelhoff has been appointed as Program Coordinator to support all University students currently enrolled through JCS in transitioning to other Colleges to complete their awards.
- 4.3 The next edition of the Gazette will be published within 6 weeks following the Council meeting on 17 June 2020.