

GAZETTE

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Summary of key activities

- A. Dr Graeme Blackman AO was reappointed as Chancellor of the University of Divinity by the Council for a further term of three years, commencing 1 January 2021 and concluding 31 December 2023.
- B. John Flett (Pilgrim Theological College) was appointed Professor of the University of Divinity by the Council on 17 June 2020 on the recommendation of the Academic Promotions Committee.
- C. The Council has approved the [2021 Schedule of Tuition Fees](#), maintaining tuition fees at their 2020 levels.
- D. The 2019 University of Divinity Annual Report was approved by the University Council in March and tabled in the Parliament of Victoria on 2 June 2020. It provides an overview of the work of the University, a profile of its students, awards, staff, research and Colleges, and the audited financial statements. This and previous Annual Reports are available on the website at: [Vox: Annual Reports](#)

1. Regulations and Determinations

The Regulations are available at

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

- 1. On 17 June 2020, Council made the following amendments to Regulations and Determinations to Regulations:
 - 1.1.1 Regulation 49: Graduate Certificate in Ignatian Spirituality was repealed with a teach-out provision for students currently enrolled in the award, to complete no later than 31 December 2022.
 - 1.1.2 Determination 5.1.2 of Regulation 1: General Provisions was amended to provide for greater flexibility in the membership of the Vice-Chancellor's Review Committee.
- 1.2 On 29 May 2020, the Academic Board made the following amendments to Determinations to Regulations:
 - 1.2.1 Determination 3.8.8 of Regulation 3: Colleges was amended to remove conditions on Stirling Theological College in delivery of the Graduate Certificate in Spirituality, Graduate Diploma in Supervision, Master of Spirituality and the Master of Spiritual Direction.

- 1.2.2 Determination 3.8 of Regulation 3: Colleges was amended to clarify availability of awards to persons in Australia on an Overseas Student Visa.
- 1.2.3 Determination 3.8.11 of Regulation 3: Colleges was amended to accredit Yarra Theological Union to deliver the Master of Spirituality and the Master of Spiritual Direction for the purposes of teaching-out students formerly enrolled in these awards through Jesuit College of Spirituality. This accreditation expires on 31 December 2022.
- 1.2.4. Determination 3.8.4 of Regulation 3: Colleges was repealed with effect from 1 January 2021.
- 1.2.5 Determination 80.2.4 of Regulation 80: Graduate Diploma of Supervision was amended to remove units offered only by the Jesuit College of Spirituality with effect from 1 January 2021.

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 June 2020, Council approved the following policies:

- 2.1.1 *Elections and Nominations Policy*: Minor amendments were made to the policy as part of a cyclical review.
- 2.1.2 *Delegations Policy*: Minor adjustments were made to the policy and a fourth schedule of “Academic Delegations” derived from the University’s current policies was added.

2.2 On 29 May 2020, the Academic Board approved the following policies:

- 2.2.1 *Enrolment Policy*: Leave categories updated to include bereavement and medical leave under 11.1.
- 2.2.2 *Unit Policy*: Amended to include reference to the STFE Panel and STFE Framework at 6.4(c), 8.6(c), 9.7, Schedule B (Unit Record). Schedule H (STFE Panel Checklist) added.
- 2.2.3 *Minor Thesis Policy*: Definition of a Minor Thesis updated under 4.1; Research Methodologies prerequisite added under 5.1; HREC conditions amended under 5.2 and 8.2; supervision requirements updated under 6.4; confirmation that nominated examiners meet the requirements of this policy added under 7.5(c); appeals timeline extended under 11.1.
- 2.2.4 *Assessment Policy*: A minor amendment was made to Schedule A 2.2 w) to remove the word summative.

3. Appointments and Accreditations

- 3.1 Dr Lisa Agaiby of St Athanasius College has been appointed as Senior Lecturer (Level C) by the Vice-Chancellor on the recommendation of the Academic Promotions Committee.
- 3.2 Dr Graeme Blackman AO was reappointed as Chancellor of the University of Divinity by the Council for a further term of three years, commencing 1 January 2021 and concluding 31 December 2023.

- 3.3 Associate Professor Liz Boase, Dean of the School of Graduate Research, has been classified as Associate Professor (Level D) by the Vice-Chancellor on the recommendation of the Academic Promotions Committee.
- 3.4 Joyce Choi has been appointed through Whitley College to deliver the unit AL1003W English for Theological Studies.
- 3.5 Revd Dr Bryan Cones has been appointed through Pilgrim Theological College as Honorary Postdoctoral Associate until 31 December 2024.
- 3.6 Professor the Hon Clyde Croft has been appointed through Trinity College Theological School to deliver units in the discipline of Canon Law (DC), at all levels.
- 3.7 John Flett (Pilgrim Theological College) was appointed Professor of the University of Divinity by the Council on 17 June 2020 on the recommendation of the Academic Promotions Committee.
- 3.8 Revd Carolyn Francis has been appointed to Council by the Baptist Union of Victoria, for a term commencing with immediate effect and concluding 31 December 2021.
- 3.9 Revd Dr Graham Hill has been accredited through Stirling Theological College to deliver units in the discipline of Systematic Theology (CT) at all levels.
- 3.10 Dr David Janssen has been appointed as Academic Dean of Whitley College commencing 20 July 2020.
- 3.11 Dr Brian Macallan has been appointed as Associate Head of Bible, Theology and Ministry, and Senior Lecturer in Theology at Stirling Theological College.
- 3.12 Dr Cathryn McKinney has been appointed through Pilgrim Theological College as Honorary Postdoctoral Associate until 31 December 2025 and accredited to deliver units in the discipline of Pastoral Theology and Ministry Studies (DP) at all levels.
- 3.13 Dr Janice McRandal has been appointed through Pilgrim Theological College as Honorary Research Associate until 31 December 2022.
- 3.14 Andrew Mitchell has been appointed through Whitley College to deliver units in the disciplines of Systematic Theology (CT), Pastoral Theology and Ministry Studies (DP), Biblical Studies (BS) at Diploma level.
- 3.15 Dorothy Morgan was appointed as Deputy Chair of the Student Services Committee for a term commencing with immediate effect and concluding 31 December 2022.
- 3.16 Janette Phelan has been appointed to Council by The Conference of the Churches of Christ in Victoria and Tasmania, for a term commencing with immediate effect and concluding 31 December 2021.
- 3.17 Revd Dr Alexander Ross has been appointed through Trinity College Theological School as Honorary Postdoctoral Associate until 31 December 2024 and accredited to be appointed as supervisor of higher degree by research theses.
- 3.18 Dr Matthew Seaman has been accredited through Eva Burrows College to deliver units in the discipline of Systematic Theology (CT) at all levels and accredited to be appointed as supervisor of higher degree by research theses.

3.19 Revd Dr Robyn Whitaker was appointed as Acting Chair of Examiners for the period 1 July to 31 December 2020.

4. Other Matters

4.1 The Council has approved the [2021 Schedule of Tuition Fees](#), maintaining tuition fees at their 2020 levels.

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4.3 The next edition of the Gazette will be published within 6 weeks following the Council meeting on 11 August 2020.