

## GAZETTE

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### Summary of key activities

- A. The University Council approved the revised Strategic Plan 2025: *Growing in Partnership*. This Plan articulates 21 goals, grouped into 4 domains of activity and whole-of-University initiatives which have been developed and prioritised by the University Executive. (This document will be available for download from next week on the Vision, Mission, Strategy page of the University website.)
- B. The University Council has approved the appointment of 1.5 FTE University staff to develop and implement an Indigenous Studies Centre.
- C. The University Council has approved the Undergraduate Certificate in Divinity to commence 1 January 2021. This new award is a half-year full-time equivalent course, and will be offered, at the minimum, for the duration of 2021, as per changes made to the Australian Qualifications Framework in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- D. The University Council has approved major changes to the University's Supervision awards, which will now be designated Professional Supervision awards and will be delivered directly by the University (see 1.1.2), led by a Professional Supervision Program Coordinator.
- E. The University of Divinity has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Christian Research Australia (CRA) for the provision of Human Research Ethics Committee (HREC) services, to commence from 1 January 2021. The University's current HREC will conclude at the end of 2020.
- F. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and associated restrictions, the Graduation Ceremony on 4 December 2020 will be an online-only event.

### 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 7 October 2020, Council made the following amendments to Regulations:
  - 1.1.1 Regulation 2: Academic Board was amended to codify delegations from the Council to the Academic Board.
  - 1.1.2 Regulation 45: Graduate Certificate in Professional Supervision (previously Graduate Certificate in Supervision); and, Regulation 80: Graduate Diploma in Professional Supervision (previously Graduate Diploma in Supervision) were amended to reflect changes to the governance and delivery of Supervision awards.

- 1.1.3 Section 52.2.1 of Regulation 52: Graduate Certificate in Research Methodology was revised to amend the standard duration of the award to one year of part-time study.
- 1.1.4 Regulation 86: Undergraduate Certificate in Divinity was approved.
- 1.2** On 18 September 2020, the Academic Board made the following amendments to Determinations to Regulations:
  - 1.2.1 Revisions to the Determinations to Regulation 45: Graduate Certificate in Professional Supervision; and, Regulation 80: Graduate Diploma in Professional Supervision were approved.
  - 1.2.2 The Determinations to Regulation 86: Undergraduate Certificate in Divinity were approved, subject to the Regulation being approved by Council.
  - 1.2.3 Determination 34.2.4 c) and d) to Regulation 34: Advanced Diploma in Theology and Ministry were revised to require 36 points from Field D (Theology, Mission and Ministry), and a further 144 points, with effect from January 2021.
  - 1.2.4 Determination 54.2.4.2 to Regulation 54: Graduate Certificate in Teaching Religious Education was revised to update unit codes and titles, with effect from 1 January 2021.
  - 1.2.5 Determination 48.2.4 b) to Regulation 48: Graduate Certificate in Teaching Meditation was revised to reflect the name change of a nominated unit, with effect from 1 January 2021.
  - 1.2.6 Determination 4.3.3 b) of Regulation 4: Bachelor of Theology; and Determination 32.3.3 b) of Regulation 32: Bachelor of Ministry, provide for credit provisions that allow a candidate who has completed the Diploma in Ageing and Pastoral Care from Holy Family Services to be granted 144 points in Field D.

## **2. Policies and Procedures**

Policies and Procedures are available on the University website at

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- 2.1** On 7 October 2020 Council approved the following policies:
  - 2.1.1 *Academic Freedom Policy*: New policy produced in response to the French Review into perceived issues of freedom of speech at Australian Universities, and based upon the French Model Code.
  - 2.1.2 *Fees Policy*: Minor changes made to sections 4.3, 5, 5.9 (student refunds) and Schedule 2 (improved cash flow through changes to timing of College distributions).
  - 2.1.3 *Health and Safety Policy*: Section 6.1 revised to update the Chair and membership of the OVC Health and Safety Committee.

## **3. Appointments and Accreditations**

- 3.1 Ms Kerrie Burn has been reappointed as Chair of the Library Committee for a term commencing 1 January 2021 and concluding 31 December 2023, and in accordance with Regulation 2: Determination 5.2.

- 3.2 Dr Edmund Kee-Fook Chia has been appointed through Yarra Theological Union as an Honorary Research Fellow until 31 December 2022.
- 3.3 Mr Reuben Edmonds has been elected as the coursework student member of the University's Academic Board for a term commencing 1 January 2021 and concluding 31 December 2022.
- 3.4 Dr David Janssen has been classified as Lecturer (Level B) and accredited through Eva Burrows College to deliver units in the discipline of New Testament (BN), Biblical Languages (AL) and Biblical Studies (BS) at all levels.
- 3.5 Revd Dr Michael Kelly has been accredited through Yarra Theological Union to deliver the unit CT8602Y Jesus Christ Today: Mission, Church and Sacraments.
- 3.6 Dr Callan Ledsham has been reappointed as Deputy Chair of the Library Committee for a term commencing 1 January 2021 and concluding 31 December 2023, and in accordance with Regulation 2: Determination 5.2.
- 3.7 Dr Christopher Morris has been classified as Lecturer (Level B).
- 3.8 Auxiliary Lieutenant Dr Catherine Philpot has been classified as Lecturer (Level B) and accredited through Eva Burrows College to deliver units in the discipline of Pastoral Theology and Ministry Studies (DP) and Missiology (DM) at all levels.
- 3.9 Dr Xiaoli Yang has been accredited through Whitley College to be appointed as supervisor of a higher degree by research thesis.
- 3.10 Major Mavis Salt has been classified as Associate Lecturer (Level A) and accredited through Eva Burrows College to deliver DP3315B/ DP9315B Pastoral and Spiritual Care of Older People.
- 3.11 Captain Brenda Young has been accredited through Eva Burrows College to deliver the units DP3121B Supervised Theological Field Education, DP9121B Supervised Theological Field Education, DP2147B Reflective Practice for Vocational Formation and DP8147B Reflective Practice for Vocational Formation.
- 3.12 Ms Pamela Zweck has been elected as the HDR student member of the University's Academic Board for a term commencing 1 January 2021 and concluding 31 December 2022.
- 4. Other Matters**
- 4.1 The next edition of the Gazette will be published within 6 weeks following the Council meeting on 2 December 2020.