

# UNIVERSITY of DIVINITY

# GAZETTE

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This Gazette is circulated to members of Council, members of Academic Board, Heads of Colleges, and OVC Staff. It reports the outcomes of meetings of the University Council and Academic Board since the last Gazette was issued.

#### Summary

- A. Council has approved the *Annual Report 2013* including the audited financial statements. The *Annual Report* will be available on the website once it has been tabled in Parliament. Hard copies are available from the OVC on request.
- B. Council has made regulatory changes implementing the recommendations of the 2013 Course Review Panel: Diplomas and Advanced Diplomas.
- C. Council has altered the honorary awards of the University following advice from the Governance and Nominations Committee and from Academic Board.
- D. Council has approved editorial amendment to all Regulations to bring consistency to the use of the name of the University, its officers, and the use of the word Colleges to denote Recognised Teaching Institutions.
- E. Academic Board has altered the definition of Capstone Units in Masters by coursework.

### 1. Regulations and Determinations

The Regulations are available at <u>http://www.divinity.edu.au/university-of-divinity/our-governance/the-act-and-regulations/</u>

- 1.1 The following changes to Regulations were approved by Council on 12 March 2014:
  - a) Regulation 42 Advanced Diploma in Philosophy (new)
  - b) Regulation 43 Graduate Certificate in Leadership (new)
  - c) Regulation 10 Doctor of Divinity (amended)
  - d) Regulation 33 Diploma in Theology (amended)
  - e) Regulation 34 Advanced Diploma in Theology and Ministry (amended)

- 1.2 The following regulations were repealed by Council on 12 March 2014:
  - a) Regulation 11 Doctor of Sacred Theology (honoris causa)
  - b) Regulation 12 Fellows of the Melbourne College of Divinity (existing Fellows retain their status)
  - c) Regulation 16 Advanced Diploma in Ministry (teach out to 31 December 2016)
  - d) Regulation 17 Diploma in Ministry (teach out to 31 December 2016)
  - e) Regulation 29 Associate Diploma in Ministry (teach out to 31 December 2016)
- 1.3 The following Determinations to Regulations amended were amended by Academic Board on 21 February 2014:
  - a) Determinations to Regulation 19 Master of Theological Studies
  - b) Determinations to Regulation 21 Master of Arts (Theology)
  - c) Determinations to Regulation 24 Master of Divinity
  - d) Determinations to Regulation 27 Graduate Certificate in Theology

### 2. Policies and Procedures

Policies and Procedures may be located on the University website at <a href="http://www.divinity.edu.au/university-of-divinity/our-governance/policies-and-procedures/">http://www.divinity.edu.au/university-of-divinity/our-governance/policies-and-procedures/</a>

Council has approved the following policies:

- a) Investment Policy
- b) Overseas Student Tuition Fees Refund Policy
- c) Induction of a new Member of Council Procedures
- d) Masters Capstone Unit Policy

### 3. Appointments

### 3.1 Academic Staff

Anne Pate (Sentir) Approved to teach Foundational units at Sentir.

Jasmine Dow (UFT) Approved to teach the Bachelor-level unit DP1500U Ministry with Children, Youth and Families.

Hugh Kempster (UFT) Approved to teach at all levels in the disciplines of Pastoral Theology and Ministry Studies and Spirituality.

Deborah Guess (UFT) Approved to teach at all levels in the discipline of Systematic Theology.

Sunny Chen (UFT) Approved to teach at all levels in the disciplines of New Testament and Biblical Greek.

Stephen Said (Whitley) Approved to teach the unit CT0137W 21<sup>st</sup> Century Jesus at Diploma level.

# **3.2** Honorary Appointments

None.

# **3.3** Other Appointments

3.3.1 Council has appointed Margaret Jackson as Chair of the Grievance Panel and Sean Winter as Chair of the Appeals Panel (with Andrew Menzies as an alternate) for a term of one year from 1 January 2014 to 31 December 2014.

### 4. Other Business

- 4.1 Council has authorised a Graduation ceremony to be held at 7.30pm on Friday 5 December 2014 in Adelaide, South Australia. This ceremony will be open only to graduands from the Australian Lutheran College in 2014. It is likely future ceremonies in Adelaide will be open to all students.
- 4.2 Council has approved the release of two new RTS places for the second semester 2014 admissions and scholarships round.
- 4.3 Academic Staff applications for classification or promotion are now being invited. All academic staff who joined the University in the last twelve months must submit an application for classification (levels C, D, E) or a letter from their Head of College to the Vice-Chancellor advising classification (levels A, B).

Applications for round one close on 16 May 2014. The Policy may be found here: <u>http://www.divinity.edu.au/documents/academic-staff-classifications-promotions-policy/</u>

The 2014 Application form may be found here: <u>http://www.divinity.edu.au/documents/academic-staff-classifications-promotions-application-form/</u>