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This Gazette is a public document and is circulated to members of Council, members of Academic Board, Heads of Colleges, and Office of the Vice-Chancellor (OVC) Staff. It reports the outcomes of meetings of the University Council and Academic Board since the last Gazette was issued.

Summary of key activities

- A. Dr. Graeme Blackman's term of office as Chancellor of the University has been extended for a further three years to 31 December 2018.
- B. Dr. Andrew Menzies, Principal of Stirling Theological College, has been reappointed as Deputy Chancellor for a term of twelve months commencing 1 January 2015 and concluding 31 December 2015.
- C. Council approved new and revised Regulations governing the Diplomas, Advanced Diplomas, Graduate Certificates, Graduate Diplomas, and coursework Masters of the University, with effect from 1 January 2015.
- D. Professor Brendan Byrne sj has been appointed an Emeritus Professor of the University.

1. Regulations and Determinations

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

- 1.1 Council approved new and revised Regulations governing the Diplomas, Advanced Diplomas, Graduate Certificates, Graduate Diplomas, and coursework Masters of the University, with effect from 1 January 2015. Regulatory and policy changes were made for the purpose of making University legislation governing awards more transparent to administer in relation to course advice, admissions, and completions. Key changes are:
 - Creation of a new template for a Regulation and Determination governing an award of the University
 - Removal of elements held in common to all awards from award Regulations or Determinations to Determinations to Regulation 2 or to an appropriate Policy
 - Creation of a Regulation for each award of the University

Specific major changes implemented in the package of legislation include:

- Amalgamation of three streams in Supervision presently located within the Graduate Certificate in Theology into a single Graduate Certificate in Supervision.
- Change of title of the Master of Arts (Education and Theology) to a Master of Education and Theology.

- 1.2 Amendments were approved to Regulation 44: Funds Governance and three Fund Records were approved: 1) Leatherland Fund 2) St Athanasius Coptic Orthodox Lectureship Fund; 3) Bursary Fund.
- 1.3 New Determinations were made to Regulation 1 to reconstitute the Human Research Ethics Committee and to establish a Grants Committee, which were approved with effect from 1 January 2015.
- 1.4 New and revised Determinations were approved governing the Diplomas, Advanced Diplomas, Graduate Certificates, Graduate Diplomas, and course Masters of the University, with effect from 1 January 2015.
- 1.5 Additions were approved to Determination 20.3.3 to Regulation 20: Graduate Diploma in Theology and Determination 21.3.4 to Regulation 21: Master of Arts (Theology).

2. Policies and Procedures

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

- 2.1 The following policies have been approved by Council or Academic Board, as applicable:
 - a) Administrative Governance Policy
 - b) Prizes Policy
 - c) Amendments to the Unit Policy, with effect from 1 January 2015.
 - d) Revisions to the Course Policy and Course Review Procedures
 - e) Amendments to the Student Unit Evaluation Policy and Procedures
 - f) Research Seminar Policy

3. Appointments

3.1 Academic Staff

- 3.1.1 Professor John McDowell, Morpeth Chair in Theology and Religion at the University of Newcastle, who is commencing as Director of Research in January, has been appointed a Professor of the University of Divinity with effect from 19 January 2015.
- 3.1.2 Academic Board has appointed the following persons as Chairs of Examiners and Deputy Chairs for 2015.
Field A: John Martis (Chair), Shane Mackinlay (Deputy Chair)
Field B: Merryll Blair (Chair), Krzysztof (Kris) Sonek (Deputy Chair)

Field C: Gregory Brett (Chair), Geoffrey Thompson (Deputy Chair)

Field D: Peter Price (Chair), Michael Kelly (Deputy Chair)

- 3.1.3 Ms Kerrie Burn has been appointed Chair of the Library and Academic Resources Committee for a period of three years, commencing 1 January 2015 and ending 31 December 2017.
- 3.1.4 Dr Cal Ledsham has been appointed Deputy Chair of the Library and Academic Resources Committee for a period of three years, commencing 1 January 2015 and ending 31 December 2017.
- 3.1.5 Dr Jione Havea has been appointed as an Honorary Research Fellow for a period of three years, renewable thereafter.
- 3.1.6 Dr Race Mathews has been appointed as an Honorary Research Fellow for a period of three years, renewable thereafter.

Australian Lutheran College

Stephen Pietsch has been approved by the Director of Academic Services to teach at all levels in *Pastoral Theology and Ministry Studies* under clause 2.4 of the Lecturer Accreditation Policy.

Catherine Booth College

Priya Morgan has been approved to teach the units *DA1101B Salvation Army Mission and Ministry Practicum A* and *DA2104B Salvation Army Mission and Ministry Practicum B* under clause 2.7 of the Lecturer Accreditation Policy.

Whitley College

Rowan Lewis, who was previously accredited to teach at Diploma level in the disciplines of Old Testament, New Testament, Biblical Studies, and Mission and Ministry under clause 2.7 of the lecturer accreditation policy, has been approved to have his accreditation extended to include Systematic Theology at Diploma level.

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Elizabeth Stewart has been approved to teach the unit *Relational Psychodynamics* at Postgraduate Elective level under clause 2.7 of the Lecturer Accreditation Policy.

Mark Chamberlain has been approved to teach units in Spiritual Direction at postgraduate Foundational level, and under supervision at postgraduate Elective level, under clause 2.7 of the Lecturer Accreditation Policy.

3.2 Other Appointments

- 3.2.1 Emeritus Professor Margaret Jackson has been reappointed as Chair of the Grievance Panel for a term of twelve months to 31 December 2015.

- 3.2.2 Associate Professor Sean Winter has been reappointed as Chair of the Appeals Panel for a term of twelve months to 31 December 2015, with Dr Andrew Menzies appointed as alternate in the event of a conflict of interest.
- 3.2.3 Graeme Blackman's term of office as Chancellor of the University has been extended for a further three years to 31 December 2018. He has also been reappointed as Chancellor of the University for 2015, in accordance with clause 14 (1) of the *Melbourne College of Divinity Act*.
- 3.2.4 Andrew Menzies has been reappointed as Deputy Chancellor for a term of twelve months commencing 1 January 2015 and concluding 31 December 2015.
- 3.2.5 Professor Brendan Byrne sj has been appointed an Emeritus Professor of the University.
- 3.2.6 Associate Professor Clare O'Callaghan has been appointed to the Human Research Ethics Committee in the category of researcher for a three year term commencing 1 January 2015 and ending 31 December 2017.
- 3.2.7 Mr John Thomson has been reappointed to the Human Research Ethics Committee in the category of lay member for a three year term commencing 1 January 2015 and ending 31 December 2017.
- 3.2.8 Dr Susan Blackwood has been reappointed to the Human Research Ethics Committee in the category of lay member for a three year term commencing 1 January 2015 and ending 31 December 2017.
- 3.2.9 David Blake has been appointed to the position of IT Systems Officer at the OVC. While providing an onsite IT service for staff in the OVC and ensuring that IT systems in the OVC operate effectively and are maintained to a high standard, his duties include maintaining relationships with key IT providers, including website and email hosts, IT service providers, the Theological Academic Management System (TAMS), the Learning Management System (ARK), the digital library portal and other online resources.
- 3.2.10 The University has allocated the role of Clinical Pastoral Education Liaison Officer to Stirling Theological College who will employ Allison Whitby to fulfil the role. Allison is currently Director, Department of Pastoral Care & Education, Austin Health and Director of Heidelberg Repatriation Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) Centre and Austin Hospital CPE Centre. Her role involves managing the University's CPE units, ensuring that information is available regarding units on offer, providing advice to coursework coordinators, and liaising with ASPEA and SHV.
- 3.2.11 Don Saines, Mark Lindsay, and Jan Gray will step down from being members of the Academic Board in 2015.
- 3.2.12 The Council congratulated Fr. Terry Curtin on his appointment as Auxiliary Bishop in the Archdiocese of Melbourne and notes that his episcopal ordination will be held at 7.30pm on 17 December at St Patrick's Cathedral.

4. Other Business

- 4.1 Council approved the continuing development of a Bachelor of Arts award.
- 4.2 Council approved Terms of Reference for an Indigenous Engagement Advisory Group.

- 4.3 A review of the Terms of Reference for the Grants and Scholarships Working Group were approved.
- 4.4 The University held its first interstate graduation on 5 December 2014 in Adelaide, at which 42 coursework students were eligible to graduate.