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Summary of key activities

- A. A Graduation Ceremony was held on 20 March 2015 in Melbourne, with 409 candidates graduating with awards of the University.
- B. A Graduation Ceremony was held on 5 December 2014 in Adelaide with 42 candidates graduating with awards of the University.
- C. Council approved the 2014 Annual Report including the University's audited financial statements.
- D. The Council received the report and recommendations of the Internal Review of Whitley College and has approved the signing of a Collegiate Agreement for 7 years.

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 Academic Board amended the Determinations of Regulation 3: Colleges to permit Australian Lutheran College to offer the Graduate Certificate in Leadership.
- 1.2 Academic Board approved amended Determinations of Regulation 43: Graduate Certificate in Leadership adding a new course of study offered by Australian Lutheran College.
- 1.3 Academic Board approved amended Determinations of Regulation 49: Graduate Certificate in Ignatian Spirituality to update the list of units available for this award.

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 were approved by the Academic Board:

- a) Course Policy (revised)
- b) Course Modification Procedures (new)
- c) Credit Policy (revised – formerly called Course Credit Policy)
- d) Leave of Absence Policy (new)
- e) Prizes Policy (schedule revised)

3. Appointments

3.1 Academic Staff

Catholic Theological College

Laurence Cortez, MA, LiturgSt, MTS, BTheol accredited to teach the unit *Eucharist and Anointing* at undergraduate levels 2 and 3 and postgraduate elective level.

Pilgrim Theological College

John Flett, PhD, MTheol, BMin accredited to teach at all levels in Mission and Ministry and Systematic Theology, subject to provision of evidence of qualifications.

St Athanasius Coptic Orthodox Theological College

Shaheer Sedhom, MThSt approved to teach at Diploma level in Biblical Studies.

Stirling Theological College

Brian Macallan, PhD, MTh, BThHons approved to teach at all levels in Systematic Theology and Missiology.

Whitley College

Michael Esbensen, TheoIM, BTheol approved to teach New Testament at Bachelor and Diploma levels, and Old Testament and Biblical Studies at Diploma level.

Rowan Lewis, MChrSt, BCommHons, CertIV(T&A) previously accredited to teach at Diploma level in Biblical Studies and Mission and Ministry. Accreditation extended to include the Systematic Theology unit *CT0150W Developing Theological Insight* at Diploma level.

3.2 Other Appointments

3.2.1 Dr Frances Baker, Professor Dorothy Lee, Professor James McLaren, Professor Bill Ashcroft, and Professor Bruce Tonge have been reappointed as members of the Academic Promotions Panel for a term of one year, 1 January to 31 December 2015.

3.2.2 Dr Merryn Ruwoldt, Dr Frances Baker rsm, Associate Professor Michael Kelly CSsR, Mrs Trish Armstrong, Professor Peter Sherlock, and Dr John Capper were appointed as members of the Graduate Certificate in Teaching Religious Education Course Review Panel, and Mr Jude Caspersz was recommended to the panel as a consultant.

3.2.3 Dr Kevin Lenehan, Dr Donald Saines, John Williamson, Teresa Rhynehart, Associate Professor Robyn Horner, and Dr John Capper were appointed as members of the Graduate

Certificates and Graduate Diplomas Course Review Panel, and Emeritus Professor Barbara van Ernst AM was recommended to the panel as a consultant.

- 3.2.4 Dr Merryl Blair, Dr Rosemary Canavan, Professor John McDowell, and Professor Peter Sherlock were appointed to the Research Grants and Scholarships Review Panel.
- 3.2.5 Brian Mills and Leigh Mackay were appointed as members of the Grants Committee for three years commencing 1 January 2015 and ending 31 December 2017.
- 3.2.6 Dr Richard Blandford has been appointed as the Field C representative on Academic Board.
- 3.2.7 Amanda Smith of Catholic Theological College has been appointed as the research student representative on Academic Board.
- 3.2.8 Veronica Bradley of Pilgrim Theological College has been appointed as the coursework student representative on Academic Board.

4. Other matters

- 4.1 The Annual Report for 2014 was approved by the Council, and the signing of the audited Financial Statements for 2014 completed following Council's approval.
- 4.2 The report of the Internal Review of Whitley College Panel was received and its recommendations adopted by the Council, following a site visit to the College in October 2014. The recommendations include authorisation for the signing of a 7 year Collegiate Agreement with the College.
- 4.3 The Vice-Chancellor's performance review outcomes were reported to the Council.