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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. Three Graduation Ceremonies dates have been set by the Council:
 - 7.30pm, Friday 4 December 2015 at Immanuel College Chapel, Novar Gardens, Adelaide
 - 7.30pm on Friday 18 March 2016 at St Paul's Cathedral, Melbourne
 - 7.30pm on Friday 2 December 2016 in Adelaide (venue to be confirmed).
- B. The Academic Calendar for 2016 has been published by the Vice-Chancellor.
- C. The first issue of *Vox: The University of Divinity Magazine* was published in April 2015.
- D. Dr Anne Hunt has been appointed as a member of the Council by the Roman Catholic Church to replace Bishop Terry Curtin, effective 30 April 2015.

1. Regulations and Determinations

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

The Council has approved **Regulation 18: Centres**. This Regulation authorises the establishment of University of Divinity Centres by the Council. The Council is now moving to establish an approval process for the creation of such Centres in a governance structure designed to support initiatives in the forthcoming Strategic Plan.

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/>

No new or revised policies were approved at recent Council and Academic Board meetings.

3. Appointments

3.1 Academic Staff

Catholic Theological College

Laurence Cortez, MA, LiturgSt, MTS, BTheol, approved to teach at undergraduate and postgraduate Foundational level (up to and including level 8) in Liturgy.

John McDowell, PhD, BDHons, approved to teach at all levels in Systematic Theology, and the unit Research Methodologies.

St Athanasius Coptic Orthodox Theological College

Elizabeth Agaiby, MA(Egyptology), MA(Coptic Studies), approved to teach at Diploma level in History and Church History.

Sentir Graduate College of Spiritual Formation

Bernadette Miles, MAppSci, BTheol, Arrupe, Siloam, PhD candidate, approved to teach at all levels in Spirituality and Spiritual Direction.

Stirling Theological College

Heather Tan, PhD, MGriefCouns, GradDipEd, GradDipSchool&Community, BSc, approved to teach the unit *DP2/3/9022S Pastoral Care in a Multi-Faith Setting: Reflecting, Respecting, Practising*.

Susan Kmetko, MDiv, GradDipEd, BSc, approved to teach the unit *Interpreting the New Testament* at undergraduate and postgraduate Foundational levels.

Whitley College

Mia Kafieris, MA(ThSt), approved to teach at Diploma level in Biblical Studies and Spirituality.

3.2 Honorary Appointments

The Academic Board has made the following honorary appointments for a term of three years ending 31 December 2017:

Professor Ruth Webber, Honorary Research Fellow

Dr Fergus King, Honorary Research Fellow

Dr Robert Dixon, Honorary Research Fellow

Dr Jong Soo Park, Honorary Research Associate

Dr John Mandalios, Honorary Research Associate

Dr Ineke Cornet, Honorary Research Associate

Dr Scott Kirkland, Honorary Research Associate

Dr Ashley Moyse, Honorary Research Associate

Dr Simone Rickerby, Honorary Research Associate

3.3 Other Appointments

- 3.3.1 The Most Revd Dr Terry Curtin resigned from Council due to increased responsibilities following his appointment as Auxiliary Bishop in the Archdiocese of Melbourne. The Council paid tribute to his extensive service and leadership of the institution, noting that he has been a member of the Council since its foundation in 2005, and previously a member of the Melbourne College of Divinity since 1995. He was President of the Melbourne College of Divinity in 2010 and 2011, during the time the College successfully applied for accreditation as a University.
- 3.3.2 Dr Anne Hunt has been appointed by the Roman Catholic Church to replace Bishop Curtin as a member of the Council effective 30 April 2015.
- 3.3.3 Emeritus Professor Peter Carpenter has been reappointed as a member of the Strategic Planning Committee for a term of three years from 1 January 2015 to 31 December 2017.
- 3.3.4 Emeritus Professor Margaret Jackson has been reappointed as a member of the Strategic Planning Committee for a term of three years from 1 January 2015 to 31 December 2017.
- 3.2.5 The Very Rev Associate Professor Shane Mackinlay has been reappointed as a member of the Strategic Planning Committee for a term of three years from 1 January 2015 to 31 December 2017.
- 3.2.6 The Revd William Uren SJ has been reappointed as a member of the Governance and Nominations Committee for a term of two years from 1 January 2015 to 31 December 2016.
- 3.2.7 Associate Professor Rosalie Hudson has been reappointed as a member of the Human Research Ethics Committee and as the Chair of the Committee for a term of three years from 1 January 2015 to 31 December 2017.
- 3.2.8 The Revd Dr Donald Saines has been appointed as a member of the Human Research Ethics Committee under the category of 'elder or minister' for a term of three years from 1 January 2015 to 31 December 2017.
- 3.2.9 Dr Richard Blandford has been elected as Field C Staff Representative to Academic Board, to fill a vacancy commencing 1 April 2015 and concluding 31 December 2015.
- 3.2.10 Veronica Bradley (Pilgrim Theological College) has been elected as Coursework Student Representative to Academic Board, commencing 25 March 2015 and concluding after the first meeting of Academic Board in 2016.
- 3.2.11 Amanda Smith (Catholic Theological College) has been elected as Research Student Representative to Academic Board, commencing 25 March 2015 and concluding after the first meeting of Academic Board in 2016.
- 3.2.12 Steven Tucker (Catholic Theological College) has been reappointed as a Student Representative to the Library and Academic Resources Committee for a term of one year ending 31 March 2016.
- 3.2.13 Dr Robert Dixon has been appointed as a member of the Research Committee for a term of three years beginning 1 January 2016 and ending 31 December 2018.

4. Other matters

- 4.1 The Council has authorised Graduation Ceremonies to be held at 7.30pm on Friday 4 December 2015 at Immanuel College Chapel, Novar Gardens, Adelaide; at 7.30pm on Friday 18 March 2016 at St Paul's Cathedral, Melbourne; and at 7.30pm on Friday 2 December 2016 in Adelaide (venue to be confirmed).
- 4.2 The Academic Calendar for 2016 has been published by the Vice-Chancellor. It contains confirmed academic dates for 2016 and 2017, provisional academic dates for 2018, and the Graduation dates for 2016. The Calendar is available here: <http://www.divinity.edu.au/documents/academic-calendar/>
- 4.3 The first issue of *Vox: The University of Divinity Magazine* has been published. *Vox* will next be published in September 2015. The issue is available in all Colleges of the University and can be accessed online here: <http://www.divinity.edu.au/university-of-divinity/vox/>
- Submissions, suggestions, feedback, or requests to be added to the mailing or email list may be sent by email to enquiries@divinity.edu.au.
- 4.2 The University has completed its submission to the Excellence in Research Australia (ERA) 2015 exercise. Results will be available in the second half of the year.
- 4.3 A Collegiate Agreement has been signed between St Athanasius Coptic Orthodox Theological College and the University.