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GAZETTE

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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. Council approved the schedule of student tuition fees for 2016, which sets overseas and domestic student tuition fees set at the same rate, through an increase of 5% on the domestic student tuition fees for 2015.
- B. The annual University Leadership Retreat was held in Adelaide on 12 and 13 June, attended by Council members, Heads of Colleges, and Directors.
- C. A Collegiate Agreement was signed with Whitley College for seven years, following the completion of the internal review of the College. This means every College now has a Collegiate Agreement with 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 The Council adopted the recommendations of the Academic Board in relation to the implementation of the review of undergraduate degrees which concluded in 2014. This has resulted in the adoption from 1 January 2016 of a new structure for the Bachelor of Theology and for the Bachelor of Ministry; the termination of the Honours program; and the establishment of new credit arrangements for students who complete undergraduate degrees concurrently at the University and another institution. In consequence, the following regulatory changes will take effect from 1 January 2016:

Repeal of Regulation 36: Bachelor of Arts / Bachelor of Theology

Revised Regulation 4: Bachelor of Theology

Revised Regulation 32: Bachelor of Ministry.

The revised Regulations are now available on the website. Course pages will be updated once second semester 2015 enrolments are completed.

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 Academic Board approved revisions to English Language Requirements Policy to create a schedule of programs that meet the requirements of the policy in relation to admissions. The Academic Board approved the inclusion on the schedule of three programs: English for Academic Purposes (Australian Catholic University); English for Academic Purposes 4 (Deakin University); English for Academic Purposes (English Language School for Pastoral Ministry).
- 2.2 Academic Board approved revisions to the Course Progress Policy (formerly known as the Coursework Student Course Progress Policy), and asked for a further revision of the policy.

3. Appointments

3.1 Academic Staff

Peter Bentley (Sentir), PhD candidate, MA, GDSD, BTheol, DipEng accredited to Postgraduate Elective level in Spirituality and Spiritual Direction (previously accredited to teach at Postgraduate Foundational level in Spirituality).

John Marion (Catherine Booth College), GradDipDiv, GradDipCounselling, BA, DipYouthWork accredited to teach the undergraduate unit *DM2119B/DM3119B Youth Ministry – Mission to Youth in a 21st Century Australian Context*.

Joel McKerrow (Whitley), MA(VocPrac), BTh(MinSt), BA, CertIV T&A accredited to teach the Diploma unit *DS0001W Creativity and Spirituality*.

Pavulraj Michael (Sentir), DTh, LST, BTh, MSc, BPhil accredited to teach at all levels in Spirituality and Spiritual Direction.

Stephen Said (Whitley), GDMS candidate, BMissStud accredited to teach the Diploma unit *CD/DA0001W Personal God, Public Faith* (previously approved to teach the unit *CT0137W 21st Century Jesus* at Diploma level).

3.2 Honorary Appointments

Dr Siu Fung Wu was appointed by the Academic Board as an Honorary Postdoctoral Associate of the University for a term of three years from 1 January 2015 to 31 December 2017.

3.3 Academic Promotions and Classifications

The Vice-Chancellor, acting on the advice of the Academic Promotions Panel, made the following appointments:

Dr John Flett (Pilgrim Theological College): Initial classification as Level D - Associate Professor

Bishop Dr Anba Suriel (St Athanasius Coptic Orthodox Theological College): Promotion to Level C - Senior Lecturer

4. Other matters

- 4.1 Council approved the schedule of student tuition fees for 2016, which sets overseas and domestic student tuition fees set at the same rate, through an increase of 5% on the domestic student tuition fees for 2015. The student tuition fees for 2016 are published on the University website at <http://www.divinity.edu.au/study/fees/>. Individual course pages will be updated once second semester 2015 enrolments are completed.
- 4.2 A Collegiate Agreement was signed with Whitley College for seven years, following the completion of the internal review of the College. This means every College now has a Collegiate Agreement with the University.
- 4.3 Council approved the report and recommendations of the Yarra Theological Union Internal Review Panel.
- 4.4 The Academic Board received an interim report of the Graduate Certificate in Theological Education Course Development Panel, and has agreed to proceed with the development of this award with a view to a commencement date of 2017.
- 4.5 The Academic Board adopted the report and recommendations of the Research Grants and Scholarships Review Panel for implementation from 2016.
- 4.6 The Academic Board has agreed that Colleges must certify the accuracy of course information on their websites as part of the annual College Information Collection, from 2016.
- 4.7 The Academic Board approved the development of a UD Library Hub project, to facilitate the provision of online resources on behalf of all libraries to the whole University.