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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 adopted the University budget for 2016, which included major changes in the distribution of research student tuition fees to Colleges.
- B. Council approved an agreement with Catholic Theological College and the Caritas Institute of Higher Education, Hong Kong, to authorise delivery of two University of Divinity awards in Hong Kong from 2017 (subject to regulatory approval).
- C. Council approved an agreement authorising the Mannix Library to manage the new University of Divinity Library Hub project on behalf of the University, together with a significant increase in library funding from 2016 to support the project.
- D. Council approved new Regulations and Determinations for the University's four higher degrees by research, to commence in January 2016.

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 Regulation 75: Graduate Certificate in Children and Families Ministry, following the acceptance by the Academic Board of the recommendations of a Course Development Panel. The new award will commence in 2016 and is available through Stirling Theological College.
- 1.2 Council approved new Regulations and Determinations for the University's four higher degrees by research, that come into effect for all students from 1 January 2016:
 - a) Regulation 7 Master of Theology
 - b) Regulation 9: Doctor of Theology
 - c) Regulation 38 Master of Philosophy

d) Regulation 22: Doctor of Philosophy

Regulation 26: Examination of Theses was repealed as the new Regulations and Determinations incorporate the rules for examinations.

- 1.3 Academic Board approved revised Determinations to Regulation 2: Units and Unit Levels. This provides comprehensive definitions of all unit levels and categories available at the University.
- 1.4 Academic Board approved revised Determinations to Regulation 2: Recognised Institutions. This establishes a list of overseas institutions recognised by the University for the purpose of credit.
- 1.5 Academic Board amended the Determinations to Regulation 3:
- a) to accredit Trinity College Theological School to offer the Graduate Certificate in Theology and the Graduate Certificate in Research Methodology;
 - b) to accredit Whitley College to offer the Master of Arts (Spiritual Direction), the Master of Arts (Spirituality), the Graduate Diploma in Spiritual Direction, the Graduate Certificate in Spirituality, and the Graduate Diploma in Spirituality;
 - c) to accredit Stirling Theological College to offer the new Graduate Certificate in Children and Families Ministry.

2. Policies and Procedures

Policies and Procedures may be located on the University website at

<http://www.divinity.edu.au/university-of-divinity/governance/policies-and-procedures/>

- 2.1 Council approved the new Campus Policy which provides for the registration of sites of delivery of the awards of the University by Colleges.
- 2.2 Council approved the revised Research Grants Policy, replacing the existing Research Scholarships and Grants Policy. The new policy enacts the recommendations of the Research Grants and Scholarships Review Panel approved by the Academic Board, and introduces greater flexibility and simpler administration of research grants.
- 2.3 Council approved the new Media Relations Policy.
- 2.4 Academic Board replaced the Change of Accreditation of Awards offered by a College Procedures with Course Accreditation Procedures, one of four sets of procedures under the University's Course Policy. These procedures provide the mechanism for Colleges to apply to alter their accreditation to offer awards of the University.
- 2.5 Academic Board repealed the Examination Guidelines (Research) and the Research Seminar Policy subsequent to Council approving changes to Regulations 7, 9, 22 and 38.

3. Appointments

3.1 Academic Staff

Tim McCowan, Peter Bentley, Lynette Dungan, Rosanne Arnott, Geraldine Bachowski, Joan Wright Howie and Chris Page, previously approved by the Academic Board, were recorded as academic staff associated with Whitley College from the beginning of 2016.

Mina Andrews (St Athanasius Coptic Orthodox Theological College) MA Orthodox Theol, BBus accredited to teach in the disciplines of New Testament and Liturgy under clause 2.7 of the Lecturer Accreditation Policy.

John McDowell (Yarra Theological Union) PhD, BDHons accreditation extended to include all levels in the fields of Philosophy and Moral Theology under item 2.7 of the Lecturer Accreditation Policy.

Priya Morgan (Catherine Booth College) GradDipTheol, DipSAMin, AssocDipMin accredited as a supervisor in undergraduate praxis units under clause 2.7 of the Lecturer Accreditation Policy.

Vivienne Mountain (Stirling Theological College) PhD, MA(Theol), MA, MA, BTheol, BEd accredited to teach at all levels in the disciplines of Pastoral Theology and Ministry Studies, Spirituality, Mission and Ministry, Religious Education and Education Studies under clause 2.5 of the Lecturer Accreditation Policy.

Beth Barnett (Stirling Theological College) MDivHons, BMusEd accreditation extended to include DA1/8015S Children and Families Ministry: Core Issues and Contextualities for Excellence in Practice under clause 2.7 of the Lecturer Accreditation Policy.

3.2 Honorary Appointments

3.2.1 Dr Gregory Brown (Catholic Theological College) was appointed an Honorary Postdoctoral Associate for a term ending 31 December 2017.

3.2.2 Professor Richard Rymarz (Catholic Theological College) was appointed an Honorary Research Fellow for a term ending 31 December 2017.

3.3 Other Appointments

3.3.1 Katrina Lambert was reappointed by the Baptist Union of Victoria as a member of the University Council under section 7 (1) (c) (ii) of the *Melbourne College of Divinity Act* for a further term of three years ending 31 December 2018. Katrina was also appointed as a member of the Vice-Chancellor's Review Committee for a term commencing 8 October 2015 and ending 31 December 2017.

3.3.2 Andrew Menzies was reappointed by the Conference of the Churches of Christ of Victoria and Tasmania as a member of the Council under section 7 (1) (c) (iii) of the *Melbourne College of Divinity Act* for a further term of three years ending 31 December 2018.

3.3.3 Janet Whiting was reappointed by the Council as a member of the Council under section 7 (1) (d) of the *Melbourne College of Divinity Act* for a further term of three years ending 31 December 2018. Janet was also reappointed as a member of the Finance and Investment Committee for a further term of three years ending 31 December 2018.

3.3.4 Francis Moore was reappointed as a member of the Finance and Investment Committee for a further term of two years ending 31 December 2017.

3.3.5 Bernice Myburgh was reappointed as a member of the Risk Management and Audit Committee for a further term of three years ending 31 December 2018.

- 3.3.6 John Ballard was reappointed as a member of the Risk Management and Audit Committee for a further term of three years ending 31 December 2018.
- 3.3.7 Peter Campbell was appointed Chair of the Student Services Committee for a term commencing 19 September 2015 and concluding 31 December 2017.
- 3.3.8 Meredith Faragher was appointed Deputy Chair of the Student Services Committee commencing 1 January 2016 and concluding 31 December 2018.

4. Other matters

- 4.1 Council adopted the University budget for 2016, which included major changes to allocations in the Research Budget based on a new funding model incorporating a new system for distribution of research student tuition fees. The Budget increased the amount available for the University's internal research grants program, responding to a significant rise in applications in 2014 and 2015, and provided new funding for the University of Divinity Library Hub.
- 4.2 Council approved the agreement with Catholic Theological College and the Caritas Institute of Higher Education, Hong Kong, which will begin to deliver University of Divinity Graduate Certificate in Teaching Religious Education and Graduate Certificate in Theology awards in 2017 (subject to regulatory approval).
- 4.3 Council approved the agreement authorising the Mannix Library to manage the new University of Divinity Library Hub project on behalf of the University.
- 4.4 Council received the resignation of Associate Professor Rosalie Hudson as Chair of the Human Research Ethics Committee. The Council passed a motion of appreciation for her service to the University in this role since 2006.
- 4.5 Council received the resignation of Associate Professor Sean Winter as a member of Council appointed by the Uniting Church in Australia. A motion of appreciation was passed for his service to the Council since January 2014, and for his ongoing contribution to the University through Pilgrim Theological College and the Academic Board.
- 4.6 Terms of Reference for the Intercollegiate Units and Enrolments Working Group were approved by the Academic Board and members of the Working Group are Veronica Bradley, Stephen Burns, Chris Monaghan, and Sean Winter.
- 4.7 Whitley College has established a new relationship with WellSpring (formerly associated with Sentir) from 2016 to provide for the delivery of postgraduate awards in Spirituality and Spiritual Direction.
- 4.8 TEQSA has approved CRICOS registration of the dual qualification Bachelor of Theology and Bachelor of Ministry, allowing students on an Overseas Student Visa to enrol concurrently in the two awards at the time of admission.