



UNIVERSITY OF DIVINITY

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 authorised the Vice-Chancellor to commission the University Medal and the Distinguished Service Medal.
- B. Nick Fels, a member of the Finance and Investment Committee for the past six years, was appointed a member of Council.
- C. The third issue of *Vox: The University of Divinity Magazine* was published in April 2016.

1. Regulations and Determinations

The Regulations are available at

<http://www.divinity.edu.au/university-of-divinity/governance/the-act-and-regulations/>

- 1.1 Academic Board approved revised Determinations to Regulation 39: Master of Education in Theology to include a unit in Leadership for a Christian Context.

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 University Awards Policy for the purpose of recognising scholarly excellence or distinguished service, subject to minor amendment.
- 2.2 Academic Board approved the revised Research Essay Policy to reinforce that the supervisory arrangement should enshrine the “n+1” principle of the AQF.
- 2.3 Academic Board approved the Supervisors Policy which aligns with the new HDR Regulations and new Research Essay Policy.

2.4 Academic Board approved amendments to Schedule A of the Prizes Policy.

3. Appointments

3.1 Academic Staff

3.1.1 Peter Campbell (Trinity College Theological School) was accredited to teach the unit Music in the Christian Worshipping Community at Undergraduate and Postgraduate Elective levels.

3.1.2 Toan Do (Catholic Theological College) was accredited to teach at all levels in the disciplines of Biblical Studies, New Testament and Biblical Languages.

3.1.3 Jill Firth (Trinity College Theological School) was accredited to teach the unit BA/DL2450T Psalms and their Spirituality.

3.1.4 David Leary (Yarra Theological College) was accredited to teach at all levels in the discipline of Pastoral Theology and Ministry Studies.

3.1.5 James Lewis (Whitley College) was accredited to teach at Bachelor level in the discipline of Pastoral Theology and Ministry Studies; the unit DP0155W Reflective Practice; and the unit Supervised Theological Field Education at Bachelor, Postgraduate Elective and Postgraduate Capstone levels.

3.1.6 John Mandalios (Catholic Theological College) was accredited to teach at all levels in the discipline of Philosophy.

3.1.7 Joel McKerrow (Whitley College) was accredited to teach the unit DS1001W Creativity and Spirituality; and the unit DS1/2011W Discerning Personal Vocation.

3.1.8 Iain Radvan (Sentir Graduate College for Spiritual Formation) be accredited to teach at Foundational level in the disciplines of Spiritual Direction and Spirituality.

3.1.9 Michael Salib (St Athanasius Coptic Orthodox Theological College) was accredited to teach the unit Religious Education in the Church at Bachelor 1st and 2nd levels.

3.1.10 Andrew Staunton (Whitley College) was accredited to teach the unit BS0130W God and the World in Biblical Perspective.

3.2 Honorary Appointments

The Academic Board made the following honorary appointments for a term of three years ending 31 December 2018:

Gerald O'Collins, Honorary Research Fellow

Libby Byrne, Honorary Postdoctoral Associate

Pene Brook, Honorary Postdoctoral Associate

Xiaoli Yang, Honorary Postdoctoral Associate

3.3 Other Appointments

3.3.1 Nick Fels was appointed a member of the Council under section 7 (1) (d) of the *Melbourne College of Divinity Act* for a term ending 31 December 2018. He was also

appointed a member of the Finance and Investment Committee in the category of Council member.

- 3.3.2 Anne Hunt was appointed to the Strategic Planning Committee for a term ending 31 December 2018.
- 3.3.3 Jane Edwards was appointed a member of the Human Research Ethics Committee in the category of lawyer for a term ending 31 December 2018.
- 3.3.4 David Breen was appointed Coursework Student Representative to Academic Board for a term ending 31 December 2016.
- 3.3.5 Professor Mark Brett was appointed Deputy Chair of the Research Committee for a term ending 31 December 2018.
- 3.3.6 Claire Renkin was appointed Deputy Chair of Examiners (Field C) for a term ending 31 December 2016.

4. Other matters

- 4.1 Council authorised the Vice-Chancellor to commission Michael Meszaros, a Melbourne-based sculptor, to begin work on the University Medal and the Distinguished Service Medal.
- 4.2 Council approved the revised Position Description for Chair of the Academic Board subject to minor amendment.
- 4.3 Academic Board approved the process for nomination of a new Chair of the Academic Board.
- 4.4 Academic Board received a report on students admitted to candidature for awards of the University of Divinity in first semester 2016.
- 4.5 Academic Board approved an amended credit transfer agreement with Monash University and authorized the Vice-Chancellor to sign it. The agreement offers a year of credit both ways between the Monash Bachelor of Arts and the UD Bachelor of Theology.
- 4.6 Academic Board received a paper from the Department of Education and Training on a consultation process in relation to higher education admission standards and criteria. The Vice-Chancellor will submit a response on behalf of the University.
- 4.7 The third issue of *Vox: The University of Divinity Magazine* is available in all Colleges of the University and can be accessed online here: <http://www.divinity.edu.au/university-of-divinity/vox/>. *Vox* will next be published in September 2016.