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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. The Melbourne College of Divinity Amendment Bill 2016 was introduced into the Legislative Assembly of the Parliament of Victoria on 7 June 2016. The purpose of the Bill is to amend the title of the institution to the University of Divinity and to make associated changes.
- B. Council approved the University of Divinity Centre for Research in Religion and Social Policy for a period of three years commencing 1 July 2016.
- C. Council approved the student tuition fees for 2017.

1. Regulations and Determinations

The Regulations are available at

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

- 1.1 The Council made a new Determination to Regulation 18: Centres to establish the University of Divinity Centre for Research in Religion and Social Policy (CRRSP) for a period of three years commencing 1 July 2016. Establishment of this Centre is a Goal in the Strategic Plan, and the Council has now released funds set aside for the Centre to support appointment of a Director.
- 1.2 The Council approved an amendment to Regulation 3: Colleges to change the title of Sentir Graduate College of Spiritual Formation to Jesuit College of Spirituality, subject to approval of the business name.
- 1.3 Academic Board approved an amendment to the Determinations to Regulation 49: Graduate Certificate in Ignatian Spirituality to make minor changes to the course of study.
- 1.4 Academic Board approved amendments to Determination 2.12 (Recognised Institutions) to Regulation 2: General Academic Provisions to provide for recognition of a comprehensive range of overseas institutions for the purposes of admissions and credit.

- 1.5 Academic Board approved an amendment to Determination 39.3.1 to Regulation 39: Master of Education and Theology to provide for credit and exemption arrangements for students who previously completed study through Australian Lutheran College.

2. Policies and Procedures

Policies and Procedures are available at

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

- 2.1 Council approved amendments to the Travel Policy to clarify insurance and fringe benefits tax arrangements.
- 2.2 Academic Board approved the Languages Other Than English Policy which permits Colleges to apply to the Academic Board for accreditation to deliver courses or units in a language other than English.

3. Appointments

3.1 Academic Staff

- 3.1.1 David Coghlan (Sentir Graduate College of Spiritual Formation) was accredited to teach the unit DS9122F Organisational Transformation and Ignatian Spirituality.
- 3.1.2 Elspeth McGavin (Catherine Booth College) was accredited to teach the units: DA2193/DA3193B Social and Community Services I; DA2194B/DA3194B Social and Community Services II; and DA1106B/DA2106B/DA8106B Reflective Practice – Vocational Formation in Social and Community Services.
- 3.1.3 Ian Radvan (Sentir Graduate College of Spiritual Formation) was accredited to teach the units: DS3118Y Ignatian Spirituality Seminar; DS3119Y Ignatian Discernment and Christian Decision-Making; DD8981F/DD8982F Spiritual Exercises Theory; and DD8991F/DD8992F Spiritual Exercises Practice.
- 3.1.4 Peter Shakhovskoy (Sentir Graduate College of Spiritual Formation) was accredited to teach in the disciplines of Spiritual Direction and Spirituality at Postgraduate Foundational level.
- 3.1.5 Robyn Whitaker (Trinity College Theological School) was accredited to teach at all levels in Old Testament, New Testament and Biblical Studies.

3.2 Honorary Appointments

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

Emeritus Professor Brendan Byrne, Honorary Research Fellow

Dr Geoff Nutting, Honorary Research Associate

Dr Christopher Shorrock, Honorary Research Associate

Dr Sunny Chen, Honorary Postdoctoral Associate

Dr Sally Douglas, Honorary Postdoctoral Associate

3.3 Other Appointments

- 3.3.1 The Council appointed the following members to the Committee of the Centre for Research in Religion and Social Policy for a term of three years commencing 1 July 2016: Professor Gabrielle McMullen (Chair), Professor John McDowell, Dr Matthew Beckmann ofm, Revd John Bottomley, Dr Timothy Jones, Professor Therese D’Orsa.

4. Other matters

- 4.1 The Melbourne College of Divinity Amendment Bill was introduced into the Legislative Assembly of the Parliament of Victoria by the Hon James Merlino, Minister for Education, on Tuesday 7 June 2016. The Bill amends the title of the *Melbourne College of Divinity Act* and the title of the institution to University of Divinity, and makes other consequential changes. The Bill may be found on the Parliament’s website.
- 4.2 Council approved the student tuition fees for 2017, incorporating a 6% increase on 2016 fees. The table of approved fees can be found at:
<http://www.divinity.edu.au/study/fees>
- 4.3 Council formally approved the University’s support for a bid by St Athanasius Coptic Orthodox Theological College to host the Coptic Congress in Melbourne.
- 4.4 The University Leadership Retreat, attended by the Council, the Heads of Colleges, and senior staff in the Office of the Vice-Chancellor, was held on Saturday 4 June 2016 at the Catholic Leadership Centre in East Melbourne.