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Summary of key activities

A. The annual Strategic Plan Review was conducted on 2 September by the Strategic Planning Committee and a report with recommendations has been accepted by the Council.

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 approved amendments to Regulation 7: Master of Theology and Regulation 38: Master of Philosophy. These amendments require the University to provide two Supervisors for all students undertaking a Master's degree by research.
- 1.2 The Council approved Fund Record 6 under Regulation 44: Funds Governance. This establishes the Centre for Research in Religion and Social Policy Fund, the purpose of which is to provide support for the activities of the Centre. Donors to the University may request that donations, including tax-deductible gifts, be placed in this Fund.
- 1.3 The Academic Board approved amendments to the Determinations to Regulation 3: Colleges to accredit Pilgrim Theological College to deliver the Graduate Certificate in Leadership, the Graduate Certificate in Spirituality, the Graduate Diploma in Spirituality, and the Master of Arts (Spirituality).
- 1.4 The Academic Board approved amendments to the Determinations to Regulation 3: Colleges to accredit Trinity College Theological School to deliver the Advanced Diploma in Theology and Ministry.
- 1.5 The Academic Board approved amendments to the Determinations to Regulation 43: Graduate Certificate in Leadership to establish a new course of study for the award.
- 1.6 The Academic Board approved amendments to the Determinations to Regulation 53: Graduate Certificate in Spirituality to establish a new course of study for the award.

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 The Council approved amendments to the Delegations Policy (formerly known as the Financial Delegations Policy) to ensure consistency with other policies of the University and to extend the scope of the policy beyond financial delegations alone.

3. Appointments

3.1 Academic Staff

- 3.1.1 Cameron Forbes was accredited to teach at all levels in the discipline of Moral Theology.
- 3.1.2 Ai Van Pham sj was accredited to teach at all levels in the disciplines of Moral Theology and Spirituality.

3.2 Honorary Appointments

- 3.2.1 The Academic Board appointed Brian Johnstone as Honorary Research Fellow for a period of three years ending 31 December 2018.
- 3.2.2 The Academic Board appointed Muriel Porter as Honorary Research Fellow for a period of three years ending 31 December 2018.
- 3.2.3 The Academic Board appointed Bob Mitchell as Honorary Research Associate for a period of three years ending 31 December 2018.
- 3.2.4 The Academic Board reappointed Anne Elvey as Honorary Research Associate for a period of three years ending 31 December 2018.
- 3.2.5 The Academic Board reappointed Garry Deverell as Honorary Research Associate for a period of three years ending 31 December 2018.
- 3.2.6 The Academic Board appointed Sarah Hart as Honorary Postdoctoral Associate for a period of three years ending 31 December 2018.

3.3 Other Appointments

- 3.3.1 Dr Gordon Preece has been appointed interim Director of the Centre for Research in Religion and Social Policy. This is a fixed-term, part-time appointment commencing in October 2016.
- 3.3.2 The Academic Board has appointed Dr Gary Heard as Chair and Major Christine Faragher as Deputy Chair of the Learning and Teaching Committee for three years commencing 1 January 2017.

4. Other matters

- 4.1 Council approved the report and recommendations of the Strategic Plan Review 2016 conducted by the Strategic Planning Committee on 2 September 2016. This review included a face-to-face meeting with the leader of each goal. The outcomes include the conclusion of two goals, creation of a new goal, and revisions to ongoing goals. Further

funding has been requested as a priority for the 2017 business plan and budget. The revised Strategic Plan and funding allocation will be finalised at the November meeting of the Council.

- 4.2 The Council received the 2016 University Risk Profile, including an assessment of risk and controls at each College of the University prepared by the Vice-Chancellor in consultation with each College.
- 4.3 Council approved extension of the Collegiate Agreement with St Athanasius Coptic Orthodox Theological College for a period of a one year to 31 December 2018. This extension enables the regular review of the College to take place in second semester 2017.
- 4.4 The Academic Board and the Council received the final report of the working group on intercollegiate units and enrolments. The report has identified a range of initiatives and models already underway and encouraged Colleges to consider these.
- 4.5 The Academic Board has appointed a Course Development Panel for a Master of Counselling to be chaired by John Williamson and to report by 7 April 2017.
- 4.6 The Academic Board has permitted graduates of the English Language School for Pastoral Ministry to apply for admission to any College of the University from 1 January 2017 following a successful trial during 2016.