



# UNIVERSITY OF DIVINITY

## GAZETTE

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### Summary of key activities

- A. The *Melbourne College of Divinity Act Amendment Bill 2016* was passed by the Legislative Council on 27 October 2016 and received the royal assent on 2 November 2016, completing its passage through the Parliament of Victoria. This is the sixth revision to the Act in 106 years and changes the title of the Act to the *University of Divinity Act 1910*.
- B. 67 students from 6 Colleges will graduate at the Graduation ceremony in Adelaide on Friday 2 December at 7.30pm with Reverend Associate Professor Michael Kelly CSsR as the speaker.
- C. The Council adopted the Business Plan 2017-2019 and Budget 2017.
- D. The Council awarded the Distinguished Service Medal to the Revd Dr Alan Niven.
- E. The Council appointed Professor Norman Ford as an Emeritus Professor of the University.
- F. The Council renewed the appointment of Professor Peter Sherlock as Vice-Chancellor of the University for a further term of five years, commencing 1 January 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 adopted amendments to Regulation 1: General Provisions and its Determinations and Regulation 3: Colleges with effect from the date on which the Melbourne College of Divinity Act Amendment Bill 2016 comes into force. These amendments remove provisions no longer required when the Act commences operation, and realign the Regulations with the Act.

- 1.2 The Council authorised replacement of the words “Melbourne College of Divinity Act” with “University of Divinity Act” in all documentation.
- 1.3 On the advice of the Academic Board, the Council amended Regulation 2 to repeal redundant provisions constituting the Chairs of Examiners. The Academic Board adopted a new Determination on the role of examiners and constituted the positions of Chair of Examiners (with responsibility for chairing examinations of higher degrees by research) and three Deputy Chairs of Examiners (with oversight of the examination of Research Essays).
- 1.4 The Council amended Regulations 2 and 3 to insert a requirement that future amendments to these Regulations must be advised to Colleges 30 days before they may take effect.
- 1.5 The Council amended Fund Record 4: General Reserve Fund under Regulation 44: Funds Governance to establish a minimum level for the reserve.
- 1.6 The Council approved Fund Record 7: Government Scholarships Reserve Fund under Regulation 44: Funds Governance to provide for funds to support expected payments to scholarship holders.
- 1.7 On the advice of the Academic Board, the Council repealed Regulation 51: Graduate Certificate in Religious Education, Regulation 63: Graduate Diploma in Religious Education and Regulation 67: Graduate Diploma in Systematic Theology.
- 1.8 The Academic Board amended the Determinations to Regulation 45: Graduate Certificate in Supervision to amend the courses of study that lead to the award.
- 1.9 The Academic Board amended the Determinations to Regulation 49: Graduate Certificate in Ignatian Spirituality to provide for a more focussed course of study.
- 1.10 The Academic Board amended the Determinations to Regulation 52: Graduate Certificate in Research Methodology and Regulation 55: Graduate Diploma in Biblical Languages to provide a new Statement of Rationale and Course Outcomes for each award.
- 1.11 The Academic Board revised the Determinations to Regulation 2 to amend the responsibilities of the Research Committee, to establish an Academic Resources Committee, to establish an Academic Promotions Committee and to make consequential amendments.

## **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 repealed the Acting Vice-Chancellor Appointment Policy as the provisions are now incorporated into Regulation 1.
- 2.2 The Council approved amendments to the Academic Staff Policy to clarify the procedures governing academic classifications and promotions.

- 2.3 The Council approved the Election and Nomination Policy to provide for the conduct of appointments and elections.
- 2.4 The Council approved the Inclusion Policy to establish principles and accountabilities to assist the full participation of all appropriately qualified staff and students in the University.
- 2.5 The Council approved the Information and Cyber Security Policy and repealed the TAMS Access Policy to provide for the oversight and security of key information technology assets.
- 2.6 The Council approved the Fees Policy to provide a comprehensive, single set of principles and procedures governing the collection, administration, and refund of student tuition and other fees.
- 2.7 The Council amended the Travel Policy to allow for new arrangements for comprehensive travel insurance to be put in place.
- 2.8 The Academic Board adopted the Assessment Policy and repealed the Examinations and Assessment Policy to provide for a high degree of quality assurance and appropriate flexibility in the design, administration, completion, grading and moderation of assessment tasks.
- 2.9 The Academic Board amended the Research Essay Policy to establish new procedures governing the examination and moderation of Research Essays.

### **3. Appointments**

#### **3.1 Academic Staff**

- 3.1.1 Elizabeth Byrne was accredited to teach at all levels in the disciplines of Pastoral Theology and Ministry Studies and Spirituality at undergraduate and postgraduate Elective levels.
- 3.1.2 Richard Haar was accredited to teach at undergraduate and postgraduate Foundational levels in the discipline of Systematic Theology and the units: DP8008L Pastoral Care in Context 1; DP8027L Pastoral Care in Context 2; CT9004L Theological Foundations for Educators.
- 3.1.3 Adam Hensley was accredited to teach at all levels in the disciplines of Old Testament, Biblical Studies and Biblical Languages, and to teach the units DS3020L Spirituality and CT3007L Apologetics and World Religions.
- 3.1.4 Karel Innemee was accredited to teach at all levels in the disciplines of History, Church History and Liturgy.
- 3.1.5 Ramez Mikhail was accredited to teach at undergraduate and postgraduate Foundational levels in the discipline of Liturgy.
- 3.1.6 George Parsenios was accredited to teach at all levels in the disciplines of New Testament and Biblical Studies.
- 3.1.7 Julie Perrin was accredited to teach The Art and Practice of Oral Storytelling at undergraduate and postgraduate Foundational.

- 3.1.8 Thomas Pietsch was accredited to teach at undergraduate and postgraduate Foundational levels in the disciplines of Systematic Theology and Church History and the units DS3020L Spirituality and CT3007L Apologetics and World Religions.
- 3.1.9 Carlos Raimundo was accredited to teach at all levels in the discipline of Spirituality.
- 3.1.10 James Read was accredited to teach at all levels in the discipline of Moral Theology.
- 3.1.11 Angela Sawyer was accredited to teach at undergraduate and postgraduate Foundational levels the units: BA1001S Interpreting the Hebrew Bible; BA1011S Justice in the Old Testament; BS2/3/9012S Reading the Bible for Transformation under the supervision of Dr Merryl Blair.
- 3.1.12 Christopher Turner was accredited to teach at all levels in Field D Mission and Ministry, and at all levels in the discipline of Systematic Theology.
- 3.1.13 Xiaoli Yang was accredited to teach the unit Chinese Poetry, Christian Faith: Intercultural Conversations at undergraduate and postgraduate Elective levels.

## **3.2 Honorary Appointments**

- 3.2.1 The Academic Board reappointed Philip Hughes as Honorary Research Fellow for a term concluding 31 December 2018.
- 3.2.2 The Academic Board appointed Frank Rees as Honorary Research Fellow for a term concluding 31 December 2018.
- 3.2.3 The Academic Board reappointed Charles Sherlock as Honorary Research Fellow for a term concluding 31 December 2018.
- 3.2.4 The Academic Board appointed Dinh Anh Hue Nguyen as Honorary Research Associate for a term concluding 31 December 2018.
- 3.2.5 The Academic Board appointed Christopher Willcock as Honorary Research Associate for a term concluding 31 December 2018.

## **3.3 Other Appointments**

- 3.3.1 Following a review by the Vice-Chancellor's Review Committee, the Council reappointed Professor Peter Sherlock as Vice-Chancellor for a further period of five years from 1 January 2017 to 31 January 2021.
- 3.3.2 The Council renewed the appointment of Graeme Blackman as Chancellor to 31 December 2017 and Andrew Menzies as Deputy Chancellor to 31 December 2018 to align the appointments with the new requirements of section 14 of the University of Divinity Act.
- 3.3.3 The Lutheran Church of Australia appointed Professor Annette Braunack-Mayer as a member of the Council for a term of three years commencing 1 January 2017, following the resignation of Brian Mills.
- 3.3.4 The Council reappointed Leigh Mackay as a member of the Grants Committee for a term of three years commencing 1 January 2017.

- 3.3.5 The Council reappointed Kevin Adams as a member of the Risk Management and Audit Committee for a term of three years commencing 1 January 2017.
- 3.3.6 The Academic Board appointed three external members of the Academic Promotions Committee: Professor Lynette McCredden and Professor James McLaren for a term of three years commencing 1 January 2017; Professor Bruce Tonge for a term of two years commencing 1 January 2017. The Academic Board appointed Professor Bill Ashcroft as a deputy for the three external members for a term of three years commencing 1 January 2017.
- 3.3.7 The Academic Board appointed Deborah Kent as Chair and Callan Ledsham as Deputy Chair of the Academic Quality and Standards Committee for a period of three years commencing 1 January 2017.
- 3.3.8 The Academic Board reappointed Hamish Coates as an external member of the Academic Quality and Standards Committee for a period of three years commencing 1 January 2017.
- 3.3.9 The Chair of the Academic Board reappointed Stephen Haar and Callan Ledsham as members of the Academic Quality and Standards Committee for terms of three years commencing 1 January 2017.
- 3.3.10 The Chair of the Academic Board appointed Moira Tauilili as a student member of Student Services Committee for a term of one year commencing 1 January 2017.
- 3.3.11 The Chair of the Academic Board reappointed Nooi Chang as a member of the Student Services Committee for a term of three years commencing 1 January 2017.
- 3.3.12 The Academic Board appointed Ken Hinchcliff, Paula Kelly, Wendy Mayer, John McDowell and Max Vodola as members of a Course Review Panel to review the PhD and DTheol and to report in 2017.
- 3.3.13 The Academic Board appointed Ross Fishburn, Gary Heard, Merryn Ruwoldt and John Williamson as members of a working group to review the standard volume of postgraduate units and to report in 2017.
- 3.3.14 The Academic Board appointed Rosemary Canavan, John Capper, Keith Dyer and Don Saines as members of a working group to oversee the implementation of the Assessment Policy.

#### **4. Other matters**

- 4.1 The Academic Board received the final report from the Masters Degrees Course Review Panel and approved an implementation plan for completion in 2017.