

## GAZETTE

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### Summary of key activities

- A. The University of Divinity's Annual Report for 2022 was tabled in the Victorian Parliament by The Hon. Gayle Tierney MP, Minister for Training and Skills, Minister for Higher Education and Minister for Agriculture, on 2 May 2023.
- B. The University held an online graduation ceremony at 7.30pm on Thursday 18 May 2023.
- C. The University Council has approved graduation ceremonies in Melbourne on Friday 15 March 2024 at St Paul's Cathedral, and in Brisbane on Sunday 19 May 2024 at St John's Cathedral.

#### 1. Regulations and Schedules

Regulations are available on the University website at

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

- 1.1 On 10 May 2023 the Council approved the following Regulations and Schedules to Regulations

- 1.1.1 *Regulation 77 Graduate Certificate in Theological Education*: repealed.

- 1.2 On 21 April 2023 the Academic Board approved the following Regulations and Schedules to Regulations

- 1.2.1 *Regulation 38 Master of Philosophy* amended to change the minimum academic standard for admission to 70% on a research essay or thesis.

- 1.2.2 *Regulation 3 Colleges Schedule 3.8* amended to add course accreditation for St Francis College for the Master of Theology.

#### 2. Policies and Procedures

Policies and Procedures are available on the University website at

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- 2.1 On 10 May 2023 the Council approved the following Policies and Procedures:

- 2.1.1 *Delegations Policy*: Updated University committee, role, and policy titles.

- 2.1.2 *Research Grants Policy*: Realignment of the Research Grants Panel as a committee of the University Executive and increase in the membership of the Research Grants Panel by one, small grant cap redefined as \$5,000.

2.1.4 *University Staff Policy*: renamed as *University Employment Policy* and changes made to Family and Domestic Violence Leave (in line with changes to the *Fair Work Act 2009*).

**2.2** On 21 April 2023 the Academic Board approved the following Policies and Procedures:

2.2.1 *Unit Policy*: Schedule J (Unit Sharing Protocol) added to enable easier sharing of units between Colleges.

2.2.2 *Enrolment Policy*: Minor changes to bring the policy into line with updated external regulatory requirements.

2.2.3 *Student Progress Policy*: Minor changes to bring the policy into line with updated external regulatory requirements.

### **3. Academic Appointments and Accreditations**

3.1 Dr Caroline Blyth has been accredited through Wollaston Theological College to be appointed as Honorary Research Associate until 20 March 2026.

3.2 Rev. Paul Creevey has been accredited through Catholic Theological College in accordance with Section 6.4.1(e) of the Academic Staff Policy, to deliver units in New Testament (BN), Old Testament (BA), Biblical Studies (BS), Religious Education (DR), and Systematic Theology (CT) at all levels.

3.3 Dr Rosemary Dewerse has been accredited through Uniting College for Leadership and Theology in accordance with Section 6.4.1e) of the Academic Staff Policy, to deliver units in Missiology (DM), Mission and Ministry (DA) and Systematic Theology (CT) at all levels; to deliver the unit RQ9021C Research Methodologies, and as a supervisor of higher degree by research theses.

3.4 Fr Dr John D'Alton has been accredited through Uniting College of Leadership and Theology in accordance with Section 6.4.1(e) of the Academic Staff Policy, to deliver units in Mission and Ministry (DA), Church History (CH) and Systematic Theology (CT) at all levels.

3.5 Dr Sally Douglas has been accredited through Pilgrim Theological College to be appointed as Honorary Research Associate until 13 April 2026.

3.6 Fr Assoc. Prof. Erich Fein has been accredited through Uniting College of Leadership and Theology in accordance with Section 6.4.1e) of the Academic Staff Policy, to deliver units in Leadership (LE) at all levels.

3.7 Rev. Dr Sean Gilbert has been appointed by the Vice-Chancellor as a Senior Lecturer (Level C) of the University on the recommendation of the Academic Promotions Committee.

3.8 Very Rev. Dr Peter Hill has been accredited through Uniting College of Leadership and Theology in accordance with Section 6.4.1e) of the Academic Staff Policy, to deliver units in New Testament (BN) at all levels.

3.9 Prof. Philip Hughes has been accredited through Pilgrim Theological College to be appointed as Honorary Research Fellow until 02 March 2026.

- 3.10 Rev. Leanne Jensi has been accredited through Uniting College of Leadership and Theology in accordance with Section 6.4.2 of the Academic Staff Policy to deliver the units DP2740Z Introduction to Pastoral Care and DP9740Z Pastoral Care in Practice.
- 3.11 Dr Danijel Kevesevic has been accredited through Uniting College of Leadership and Theology in accordance with Section 6.4.1e) of the Academic Staff Policy, to deliver units in Old Testament (BA) and Biblical Studies (BS) at all levels.
- 3.12 Associate Professor Peter Kline has been appointed by the Vice-Chancellor as an Associate Professor (Level D) of the University on the recommendation of the Academic Promotions Committee.
- 3.13 Dr Cath McKinney has been appointed by the Vice-Chancellor as a Senior Lecturer (Level C) of the University on the recommendation of the Academic Promotions Committee.
- 3.14 Dr Janice McRandal has been accredited through Pilgrim Theological College to be appointed as Honorary Research Fellow until 02 March 2026.
- 3.15 Dr Ramez Mikhail has been accredited through St Athanasius College to be appointed as Honorary Research Associate until 16 March 2026.
- 3.16 Dr Anna Nürnbergger has been accredited through Australian Lutheran College in accordance with Section 6.4.1 (e) of the Academic Staff Policy, to deliver units in the discipline of Old Testament (BA) at all levels.
- 3.17 Dr Atsushi Shibaoka has been accredited through Yarra Theological Union to be appointed as Honorary Postdoctoral Associate until 13 April 2026.
- 3.18 Dr Catherine Spiller has been accredited through Eva Burrows College in accordance with Section 6.4.1 e) of the Academic Staff Policy to deliver units in the disciplines of Missiology (DM) and Pastoral Theology and Ministry Studies (DP) at all levels and has been classified as Lecturer B.
- 3.19 Dr Ryan Strickler has been accredited through the Uniting College of Leadership and Theology in accordance with Section 6.4.1 e) of the Academic Staff Policy to deliver units in the discipline of Church History (CH) and Languages Ancient and Modern (AL) at all levels.
- 3.20 Mr Jo Bertil Rydland Vaernesbranden has been accredited through Australian Lutheran College in accordance with Section 6.4.1 d) of the Academic Staff Policy to deliver units in the discipline of Systematic Theology (CT) at foundational level.
- 3.21 Dr Mothy Varkey has been accredited through Wollaston Theological College to be appointed as Honorary Research Associate until 20 March 2026.
- 3.22 Dr Christine Winter has been accredited through Uniting College of Leadership and Theology in accordance with Section 6.4.1e) of the Academic Staff Policy, to deliver units in Church History (CH) at all levels.

#### **4. Governance and Other Appointments**

- 4.1 Ms Kerrie Burn was appointed as University Librarian at 0.5 EFT commencing 20 March 2023.

4.2 Dr Sheilagh O'Brien has been appointed as a member of the Research Grants Panel for a term commencing immediately and concluding 31 December 2025, in accordance with 8.1(b) of the Research Grants Policy.

4.3 Dr Megan Turton has been appointed as a member of the Research Grants Panel for a term commencing immediately and concluding 31 December 2025, in accordance with 8.1(b) of the Research Grants Policy.

## **5. Other Matters**

5.1 Ms Anjali Antoniotti concluded her employment as Chief of Staff in the Office of the Vice-Chancellor on 11 May 2023.

5.2 The next edition of the Gazette will be published within six weeks of the Academic Board meeting on Friday 9 June 2023.