

## GAZETTE

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**Note:** The Office of the Vice-Chancellor will be closed for the Easter break (Western rite) from Friday 29 March to Tuesday 2 April. The office will reopen on Wednesday 3 April.

### Summary of key activities

- A.** Council has appointed Professor James McLaren as Vice-Chancellor of the University of Divinity, commencing 29 April 2024.
- B.** Emeritus Professor Peter Sherlock concluded his term as Foundation Vice-Chancellor of the University on 15 March 2024. The Chancellor has appointed Associate Professor Liz Boase as Acting Vice-Chancellor during the intervening period.
- C.** Professor Megan Cassidy-Welch has been appointed as Dean of Research Strategy, commencing 16 April 2024.
- D.** The Doctor of Divinity (honoris causa) was conferred on Auntie Jean Phillips during the School of Indigenous Studies Conference in February.
- E.** The Distinguished Service Medal was awarded to Dr Ross Fishburn at the Melbourne graduation ceremony in March.
- F.** 255 students receiving 262 awards graduated from the University at the Melbourne graduation ceremony, held at St Paul's Cathedral on 15 March. The departing Vice-Chancellor gave the graduation address.
- G.** Upcoming graduation dates are as follows:
  - Perth: Sunday 14 April, 5pm
  - Brisbane: Sunday 19 May, 6pm
  - Adelaide: Thursday 13 Feb 2025
- H.** The 2023 Financial Statements and Annual Report were approved by Council for submission to the Parliament of Victoria on 13 March 2024.
- I.** The Council has approved a consolidation of the University's regulations. All existing regulations are repealed effective 31 March, to be replaced by a consolidated suite of 12 new regulations effective from 1 April:
  - Regulation 1: Council
  - Regulation 2: Academic Board
  - Regulation 3: University Executive

Regulation 4: Colleges

Regulation 5: Schools

Regulation 6: Centres

Regulation 8: Members of the University

Regulation 9: Code of Conduct

Regulation 10: Funds Governance

Regulation 11: Awards, Courses and Units

Regulation 12: Honours and Prizes

There is very little substantial change involved in the restructure, but to assist users in navigating the new regulations, a table mapping old to new regulations is available on [this page](#), and the repealed regulations have been archived [here](#). Please contact the University Secretary if you have any concerns or notice any errors in relation to this project.

## 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 13 December 2023 the Council approved the following Regulations and Schedules to Regulations

1.1.1 *Regulation 43 Graduate Certificate in Leadership*: Repealed. Incorporated into regulation 88 Awards, Courses and Units.

1.1.2 *Regulation 45 Graduate Certificate in Professional Supervision*: Repealed. Incorporated into regulation 88 Awards, Courses and Units.

1.1.3 *Regulation 80 Graduate Diploma in Professional Supervision*: Repealed. Incorporated into regulation 88 Awards, Courses and Units.

### 1.2 On 13 March 2024 the Council approved the following Regulations and Schedules to Regulations

1.2.1 *ALL REGULATIONS*: Repealed effective 31 March. 12 new regulations approved effective 1 April. See section H above.

1.2.2 *Regulation 11 (formerly Regulation 88) Awards, Courses and Units*: New awards Master of Spiritual Care, Graduate Diploma in Spiritual Care and Graduate Certificate in Spiritual Care approved.

## 2. Policies and Procedures

Policies and Procedures are available on the University website at

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

- 2.1 On 13 March 2024 the Council approved the following Policies and Procedures
  - 2.1.1 *Health and Safety Policy*: Major review including incorporation of coverage for Schools.
  - 2.1.2 *Inclusion Policy*: Repealed. Incorporated into new Support for Students Policy.
  - 2.1.3 *Research Grant Policy*: Major Review.
  - 2.1.4 *Fees Policy*: Schedule A updated to reflect new model for tuition fee distribution. 4.11 added (staff tuition fee discount).

2.2 On 16 February 2024 the Academic Board approved the following Policies and Procedures

- 2.2.1 *Support For Students Policy*: New policy approved to comply with government requirements.
- 2.2.2 *Student Support Services Policy*: Repealed. Incorporated into Support for Students Policy.
- 2.2.3 *Student Progress Policy*: Repealed. Incorporated into Support for Students Policy.
- 2.2.4 *Unit Policy*: Section 7 updated – change to external reviewer requirements.

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

- 3.1 Rev Matthew Garvin has been accredited through Whitely College to teach Pastoral Theology and Ministry Studies Level 1
- 3.2 Dr Timothy Harris has been accredited through St Barnabas College to teach Mission and Ministry Discipline at Postgraduate level.
- 3.3 Daniel Hutchison has been accredited through Whitley College to teach Pastoral Theology and Ministry Studies – Undergraduate Level 1
- 3.4 Dr Ruth Mathieson has been accredited through At Francis College to be appointed as a supervisor of higher degree by research theses.
- 3.5 Dr Brian Macallan has been accredited through Pilgrim College to teach DP1300P – The Problem of pain: Constructive theological exploration in pain, theodicy, and human flourishing and DP8300P – The Problem of Pain: Constructive theological exploration in pain, theodicy, and human flourishing.
- 3.6 Lauren Mosso has been accredited through the School of Professional Practice to teach Clinical Pastoral Education -Postgraduate Elective.
- 3.7 Dr Steven Ogden has been accredited through St Barnabas College to teach Systematic Theology – Postgraduate Elective.
- 3.8 Andrew Wolf has been accredited through Whitley College to teach Spiritual Direction – Postgraduate Elective.

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

- 4.1 Dr Jeanette Baird was appointed as a member of the Finance and Risk Committee, for a term commencing 1 January 2024 and concluding 31 December 2025, in accordance with 1.1.2 of Schedule 1 to Regulation 1 General Provisions.
- 4.2 Revd Assoc. Prof. Bob Derrenbacker was appointed as a member of the Finance and Risk Committee, for a term commencing 1 January 2024 and concluding 31 December 2025, in accordance with 1.1.3 of Schedule 1 to Regulation 1 General Provisions.
- 4.3 Associate Professor Rachelle Gilmour was appointed as Deputy Chair of the School of Graduate Research Committee for a term commencing on 1 January 2024 and concluding 31 December 2026, in accordance with Schedule 8.2 of Regulation 2 Academic Board.
- 4.4 Revd Dr Avril Hannah-Jones be reappointed as a member, and appointed as Chair, of the People and Culture Committee, for a term commencing 1 January 2024 and concluding 31 December 2026, in accordance with Schedule 7.1.2 and 7.2 to Regulation 1 General Provisions.
- 4.5 Emeritus Professor Margot Hillel was reappointed as a member of the Academic Promotions Committee in accordance with Schedule 1.1.3 of Regulation 2, for a period of three years, commencing 1 January 2024 and concluding on 31 December 2026.
- 4.6 Thomas Hodson was appointed as a member of the Finance and Risk Committee, for a term commencing 1 January 2024 and concluding 31 December 2025, in accordance with 1.1.3 of Schedule 1 to Regulation 1 General Provisions.
- 4.7 Shaun Lancaster was appointed as Chair of the Library Committee for a term commencing on 1 January 2024 and concluding 31 December 2026, in accordance with Schedule 8.2 of Regulation 2 Academic Board.
- 4.8 Terry McCredden was appointed as a member, and as the Chair, of the Finance and Risk Committee, for a term commencing 1 January 2024 and concluding 31 December 2026, in accordance with 1.1.2 and 1.2 of Schedule 1 to Regulation 1 General Provisions.
- 4.9 Professor Gabrielle McMullen was reappointed as Deputy Chancellor for a term commencing 1 January 2024 and ending 31 December 2026 (or until her membership of the Council ceases, whichever is earlier) in accordance with section 14 of the University of Divinity Act 1910. Professor McMullen was also reappointed as a member of the Governance Committee for the same term, in accordance with Schedule 2.1.3 to Regulation 1 General Provisions.
- 4.10 Aaron Mitchell was appointed as a member of the Finance and Risk Committee, for a term commencing 1 January 2024 and concluding 31 December 2026, in accordance with 1.1.3 of Schedule 1 to Regulation 1 General Provisions.
- 4.11 Revd Dr Bob Mitchell was appointed as a member of the Finance and Risk Committee, for a term commencing 1 January 2024 and concluding 31 December 2025, in accordance with 1.1.2 of Schedule 1 to Regulation 1 General Provisions.
- 4.12 Maree Pallisco was appointed as a member of the Finance and Risk Committee, for a term commencing 1 January 2024 and concluding 31 December 2026, in accordance with 1.1.3 of Schedule 1 to Regulation 1 General Provisions.

4.13 Janette Phelan be reappointed as a member of the People and Culture Committee, for a term commencing 1 January 2024 and concluding 31 December 2024, in accordance with Schedule 7.1.2 to Regulation 1 General Provisions.

4.14 Revd Dr Christopher Porter be reappointed as a member of the People and Culture Committee, for a term commencing 1 January 2024 and concluding 31 December 2026, in accordance with Schedule 7.1.5 to Regulation 1 General Provisions.

## **5. Other Matters**

5.1 Dr Rebekah Pryor commenced as Academic Dean of the School of Professional Practice on 5 February 2024.

5.2 Valeriya Ignatieva, Student Services Manager, will be on leave from 1 March 2024 to 3 March 2025. Saranya Tosomran will be acting Student Services Manager during this period.

5.3 Dr Carolyn Alsen, Andrew Hateley-Browne, Adrian Jackson and Sophia Keelan concluded work in the Office of the Vice-Chancellor in December 2023

5.4 Dr Sarah Cook concluded work in the Office of the Vice-Chancellor on 12 January 2024.

5.5 The next edition of the Gazette will be published within six weeks of the Academic Board meeting on 19 April 2024.