

GAZETTE

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Note: The Office of the Vice-Chancellor will be closed for Christmas, from 25 December to 1 January inclusive. Reception at the St Paschal campus in Box Hill will be unattended from Monday 23 December to Friday 3 January.

Summary of key activities

A. Upcoming graduation dates are as follows:

Adelaide: Thursday 13 Feb 2025

Melbourne: Friday 21 Mar 2025

Brisbane: Friday 30 May 2025

B. On 13 November, Council appointed Professor Liz Boase as a Professor of the University.

C. On 11 December Council confirmed the closure of the School of Professional Practice. Awards and units offered by the School, in Counselling, Professional Supervision, Clinical Pastoral Education and Leadership will continue to be offered, but will be transferred into College-based arrangements for 2025. For more details, visit [Vox](#).

D. On 11 December, Council approved the University's 2025 budget.

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 November 2024 the Council approved the following Regulations and Schedules to Regulations

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1.2 On 11 December 2024 the Council approved the following Regulations and Schedules to Regulations

1.2.1 *Regulation 5 Schools:* Schedule C (School of Professional Practice) repealed effective 1 January 2025.

1.3 On 15 November 2024 the Academic Board approved the following Schedules to Regulations

1.3.1 *Regulation 2 Academic Board:* Leadership Awards Academic Committee added to Schedule.

1.3.2 *Regulation 11 Award, Courses and Units*: Modification to Course Record for Graduate Certificate in Leadership approved.

2. Policies and Procedures

Policies and Procedures are available on the University website at

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2.1 On 13 November 2024 the Council approved the following Policies and Procedures

2.1.1 *Fees Policy*: Schedule 3 (Other Fees and Payments) updated to include a \$50 University-level fee payable by each audit participant, with effect from Semester 1 2025.

2.2 On 11 December 2024 the Council approved the following Policies and Procedures

2.2.1 *Asset Maintenance Policy*: new policy approved.

2.3 On 15 November 2024 the Academic Board approved the following Policies and Procedures

2.3.1 *Support for Students Policy*: broad revision, including detail around cultural support of Indigenous students, and addition of Schedule C (Special Consideration and Reasonable Adjustment).

2.3.2 *Credit Policy*: Section 6.4 updated to clarify block credit rules for students with Cert III or IV enrolling directly into Advanced Diploma or Bachelor degree.

3. Academic Appointments and Accreditations

3.1 Dr Adam Couchman has been accredited through St Francis College to be appointed as supervisor of higher degree by research theses.

3.2 Dr Sally Douglas has been accredited through Pilgrim Theological College to deliver units in the area of Systematic Theology at postgraduate elective level.

3.3 Associate Professor Peter Kline has been accredited through St Francis College to be appointed as supervisor of higher degree by research theses.

3.4 Ms Lauren Mosso has been accredited through Pilgrim Theological College to deliver units in the area Pastoral Theology and Ministry Studies at postgraduate elective level.

3.5 Dr Daniel Sihombing has been accredited through Pilgrim Theological College to deliver units in the area of Systematic Theology at doctoral level.

3.6 Associate Professor Robyn Wrigley-Carr has been accredited through Whitley College to deliver units in the areas of Spirituality, Spiritual Care, and Pastoral Theology and Ministry Studies at doctoral level.

3.7 Mr Andrew Walton has been accredited through Eva Burrows College to deliver the unit DP9195B – Leadership in Ministry.

4. Governance and Other Appointments

- 4.1 Ms Sarah Callista has been elected as the Higher Degree by Research student member of the Academic Board, in accordance with Regulation 2.3.1 (f), for a term commencing 1 January 2025 and concluding 31 December 2026.
- 4.2 Rev Dr Kevin Lenehan has been appointed to the Finance and Risk Committee in accordance with Schedule 1.1.4 of Regulation 1 Council, for a term commencing 13 November 2024 and concluding 31 December 2026.
- 4.3 Mr Hamish McLachlan has been elected as the coursework student member of the Academic Board, in accordance with Regulation 2.3.1 (e), for a term commencing 1 January 2025 and concluding 31 December 2026.
- 4.4 Professor Natalie Sims has been reappointed to the Governance Committee in accordance with Schedule 2.1.3 of Regulation 1 Council, for a term of two years commencing 1 January 2025 and concluding 31 December 2026.
- 4.5 Ms Michelle Stanhope has been appointed as Chair of the Student Services Committee, in accordance with Schedule 7.2 of Regulation 2 Academic Board, commencing 1 January 2025 and concluding on 31 December 2027.

5. Other Matters

- 5.1 The next edition of the Gazette will be published within six weeks of the Academic Board meeting on 18 February 2025.