

GAZETTE

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Summary of key activities

A. Upcoming Graduation Ceremonies:

Adelaide: Thursday 12 February 2026
Melbourne: Friday 20 March 2026
Perth: Thursday 30 April 2026
Brisbane: Saturday 30 May 2026

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 15 October 2025 the Council approved the following Regulations and Schedules to Regulations

1.1.1 *Regulation 2 Academic Board:* Major changes to Board membership structure in response to the Academic Board Review, with effect 1 January 2026.

1.1.2 *Regulation 3 University Executive:* Chair of Academic Board added to membership of University Executive, Research Strategy Committee removed from Schedule, with effect 1 January 2026.

1.2 On 30 September 2025 the Academic Board approved the following Schedules to Regulations

1.2.1 *Regulation 4 Colleges:* St Francis College accredited to offer the Graduate Certificate in Spirituality and Graduate Diploma in Spiritual Direction.

1.2.2 *Regulation 11 Awards, Courses and Units:* Modification of Course Records for Doctor of Philosophy, Doctor of Professional Practice and Master of Philosophy to include provisions for oral examinations.

1.2.3 *Regulation 11 Awards, Courses and Units:* Modification of Course Records for Graduate Certificate in Spirituality and Graduate Diploma in Spiritual Direction to include the St Francis College Program.

1.2.4 *Regulation 11 Awards, Courses and Units:* Modification of Course Record for Diploma in Ministry to rename core unit XD1002Z Introduction to Christian Spirituality as Discipleship with XD1002Z Exploring Spirituality.

1.2.5 *Regulation 11 Awards, Courses and Units:* Modification of Course Record for Bachelor of Counselling to broaden the options for elective units.

1.3 On 3 October 2025 the Academic Board approved the following Schedules to Regulations by electronic resolution:

- 1.3.1 *Regulation 4 Colleges:* Uniting College for Leadership and Theology accredited to offer the Graduate Certificate in Spiritual Care and Graduate Diploma in Pastoral and Spiritual Care.
- 1.3.2 *Regulation 11 Awards, Courses and Units:* Modification of Course Record for Graduate Certificate in Leadership to add nine additional elective unit options.

2. Policies and Procedures

Policies and Procedures are available on the University website at

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2.1 On 15 October 2025 the Council approved the following Policies and Procedures

- 2.1.1 *Fees Policy:* Annual review of Schedule of Other Fees and Payments (Schedule 3).
- 2.1.2 *Research Grants Policy:* Major review, including changes to grant amounts and structure, changes to eligibility, Research Grants Panel membership, etc.

2.2 On 30 September 2025 the Academic Board approved the following Policies and Procedures

- 2.2.1 *Higher Degree by Research Policy:* Section 10 updated to include provisions for Oral Examinations.
- 2.2.2 *Work-Integrated Learning Policy and Procedure:* New policy approved, with effect 1 November 2025.

3. Academic Appointments and Accreditations

- 3.1 Dr Lisa Agaiby has been appointed as Co-convenor of the History Discipline Group, for a term concluding 31 December 2027.
- 3.2 Professor Mark Brett has been appointed as Co-convenor of the Indigenous Studies Discipline Group, for a term concluding 31 December 2027.
- 3.3 Dr Rosemary Canavan has been appointed as Co-convenor of the Biblical Studies Discipline Group, for a term concluding 31 December 2027.
- 3.4 Dr Adam Couchman (St Francis College) has been promoted to Level C (Senior Lecturer).
- 3.5 Dr Janette Elliott has been accredited through Yarra Theological Union to deliver units in Church History at Doctoral level.
- 3.6 Ms Dora Ghaitidis has been classified as Level A (Associate Lecturer), and has been accredited through Yarra Theological Union to deliver units in Spiritual Direction at Postgraduate Elective level.
- 3.7 Associate Professor Kerrie Handasyde has been appointed as Co-convenor of the History Discipline Group, for a term concluding 31 December 2027.

- 3.8 Associate Prof Karel Innemée has been accredited through St Athanasius College to be appointed as an Honorary Research Fellow until 11 September 2028.
- 3.9 Dr Andy Mitchell (Whitley College) has been classified at Level C (Senior Lecturer).
- 3.10 Dr Duncan Reid has been accredited through Trinity College Theological School to be appointed as an Honorary Research Fellow until 21 August 2028.
- 3.11 Ms Linda Russell has been accredited through Australian Lutheran College to deliver the unit CO1007Z Introduction to Psychology.
- 3.12 Rev Dr Daniel Szewc has been accredited through Catholic Theological College to deliver the units John Henry Newman: Saint and Doctor of the Church (CH2163C, CH3163C, CH9163C), Introduction to Church History: The Early Church, Middle Ages, Renaissance (CH1001C, CH8001C), and Introduction to Church History: Reformation, Asia and Modern (CH1002C, CH8002C).
- 3.13 Dr Megan Turton (Whitley College) has been promoted to Level C (Senior Lecturer).
- 3.14 Associate Professor Sean Winter has been appointed as Co-convenor of the Biblical Studies Discipline Group, for a term concluding 31 December 2027.
- 3.15 Ms Naomi Wolfe has been appointed as Co-convenor of the Indigenous Studies Discipline Group, for a term concluding 31 December 2027.
- 3.16 Dr Xiaoli Yang has been accredited through Whitley College to be appointed as an Honorary Research Fellow until 4 September 2028.

4. Governance and Other Appointments

- 4.1 Mr Philip Curtis has been appointed by the Baptist Union of Victoria as a member of the University Council, for a term of three years commencing 1 January 2026 in accordance with section 7(1)(c)(ii) of the University of Divinity Act 1910 (Vic).
- 4.2 Ms Eve James has been appointed as Chair of the Library Committee, for a term concluding 31 December 2026, in accordance with Schedule 3.2 of Regulation 2 Academic Board.
- 4.3 Ms Eriana Matondang commenced appointment as Student Services Assistant in the Office of the Vice-Chancellor on 29 September 2025.
- 4.4 Rev James Winderlich has been appointed by the Lutheran Church of Australia as a member of the University Council, for a term of three years commencing 1 January 2026 in accordance with section 7(2) of the University of Divinity Act 1910 (Vic).

5. Other Matters

- 5.1 The next edition of the Gazette will be published within six weeks of the Academic Board meeting on 25 November 2025.