

UFT to close at end of 2014

Two New Colleges Approved for 2015 by University of Divinity

On Wednesday 7 May 2014, the Council of the University of Divinity agreed to welcome two new member Colleges into the University, in place of the United Faculty of Theology which is to close at the end of 2014.

Trinity College Theological School and Pilgrim Theological College (the newly named College of the Uniting Church) will begin formal operations at the start of the 2015 academic year. Further information about the curricula, faculties and facilities of the two new Colleges will be provided in the near future.

From 2015 Jesuit Theological College will cease to be a theological institute in its own right and the current partnership with UCTC and TCTC will come to an end. Some of its faculty will, however, continue as recognised University of Divinity teachers in association with one or other of the new colleges.

All students currently enrolled with UFT will have the option of choosing to continue or complete their studies with either of the new Colleges and the 2014 UFT academic timetable will be completed in full. The UFT will provide full support to all students to enable an effective and clear transition to their new College and will take steps to ensure that all students are able to complete the awards for which they are enrolled. All prospective 2015 students will be able to enrol with one of the two new Colleges.

The internationally renowned Dalton McCaughey Library will continue to support the ongoing venture of high quality theological education.

The UFT Council are planning appropriate ways to mark the ending of the UFT and celebrate the ecumenical partnership in theological education that it has represented for over forty years. UFT Students enrolling in Semester 2 2014 will still enrol with the UFT.

The Vice-Chancellor, Professor Peter Sherlock commended the UFT for the central role it has played within the MCD and the University of Divinity. “The UFT has rightly been proud of its track record in theological scholarship and ecumenical adventure, and Colleges of the University expressed their sadness at the ending of the UFT. However, the two new colleges offer new hope and augur well for the University’s future and the future of theological education more generally.”

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