This Gazette is a public document and is circulated to members of Council, members of Academic Board, Heads of Colleges, and OVC Staff. It reports the outcomes of meetings of the University Council and Academic Board since the last Gazette was issued.

Summary of key activities

A. Council approved a Graduation Ceremony to be held at 7.30pm on Friday 20 March 2015 at St Michael’s Church, Collins Street, Melbourne.

B. Council approved the schedule of student tuition fees for 2015.

C. Academic Board approved Determinations to Regulation 3 specifying the awards each College of the University is accredited to offer.

D. Academic Board approved the formation of a Course Development Panel to ascertain the viability of a professional doctorate, to report to the Board by 30 June 2015.

1. Regulations and Determinations


1.1 The following new Regulation was approved by Council on 25 June 2014:

a) Regulation 44: Funds Governance

1.2 The following amended Regulation was approved by Council on 25 June 2014:

a) Regulation 40: Academic Staff, Academic Titles and Honorary Appointments – amended to include the title of Visiting Professor. Visiting Professor Nominations Procedures were also approved by Council.

1.3 The following Determinations to Regulations were amended by Academic Board on 13 June 2014:

a) Determinations to Regulation 3: Accreditation of Existing Colleges: Academic Board approved Determinations to Regulation 3 creating a schedule of the awards each College is accredited to teach, and any conditions on those awards.
b) Pilgrim Theological College: Academic Board approved a new Determination to Regulation 3 to provide for accreditation of the College to offer awards of the University, subject to signing a Collegiate Agreement.

c) Diplomas Review Implementation: Determinations to Regulations: Academic Board approved revised Determinations to Regulations 4, 32, 33, 34 and 42 to implement the decisions of the Diplomas Review and to regularise the schedule of credits in undergraduate awards.

2. Policies and Procedures


2.1 Council has approved the following policies which are now available on the University website:

a) Salary Scales (Office of the Vice-Chancellor) Policy

2.2 Academic Board has approved the following policies which are now available on the University website:

a) Change of Accreditation of Awards offered by a College Procedures: The Procedures were amended to include an extra requirement for accreditation of awards to be taught online.

b) Unit Approval Template: The Unit Approval Template was amended to allow units taught in multiple modes to be submitted on a single form.

3. Appointments

3.1 Academic Staff

a) Academic Board welcomed the new Dean of Whitley College, the Revd Dr Gary Heard.

b) Academic Board approved the classification of four staff at Level C: Senior Lecturer on the recommendation of the Academic Promotions Panel.

c) Kevin Gallagher (Sentir) has been approved to teach units in Spiritual Direction and Spirituality at Postgraduate Foundational level.

d) Les Henson (Stirling) has been approved to teach units in Religious Studies and Missiology at Postgraduate Foundational and Elective levels.

e) Ian Dicks (Whitley) has been approved to teach at all levels in Religious Studies and Missiology.

f) Jason Goroncy (Whitley) has been approved to teach at all levels in Systematic Theology and Church History.

g) Siu Fung Wu (Whitley) has been approved to teach at all levels in New Testament and Biblical Greek.
3.2 Honorary Appointments

a) Academic Board appointed Dr Deborah Guess as an Honorary Postdoctoral Associate of the University for a period of five years ending 31 December 2019.

b) Academic Board appointed Dr David Neilson as an Honorary Research Associate of the University for a term of three years ending 31 December 2016.

c) Academic Board appointed Dr Richard Divall as an Honorary Research Fellow of the University for a term of three years ending 31 December 2016.

3.3 Other Appointments

a) Academic Board appointed Revd Dr Stephen Haar as a member of the Academic Quality and Standards Committee for a term of three years.

b) The Chair of Academic Board appointed Mr Hengchuan (Ben) Cai (UFT) as a student representative to the Student Services Committee.

4. Other Business

4.1 Online Advisory Group: Academic Board has approved Terms of Reference of an Online Advisory Group to be chaired by Dr John Capper.

4.2 Council approved the tuition fees for 2015.

4.3 Council approved a Graduation Ceremony to be held in Melbourne on 20 March 2015 and is conducting further consultation prior to confirming dates for further 2015 ceremonies.