GAZETTE

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This Gazette is a public document and is circulated to members of Council, members of Academic Board, Heads of Colleges, and Office of the Vice-Chancellor (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. Dr Graeme Blackman’s term of office as Chancellor of the University has been extended by the Council for a further three years to 31 December 2018.

B. Professor Brendan Byrne sj has been appointed an Emeritus Professor of the University.

C. Council approved new and revised Regulations governing the Diplomas, Advanced Diplomas, Graduate Certificates, Graduate Diplomas, and coursework Masters of the University, and the Academic Board has made major revisions to the Determinations to Regulation 2 and to these Regulations with effect from 1 January 2015.

D. The United Faculty of Theology closed on 30 November 2014 with a celebration and final lecture delivered by Norman Young to a large gathering of current and former staff and students.

E. A Graduation Ceremony was held at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Adelaide, at which 42 graduates received their awards from the Chancellor.

1. Regulations and Determinations


1.1 Council approved new and revised Regulations governing the Diplomas, Advanced Diplomas, Graduate Certificates, Graduate Diplomas, and coursework Masters of the University, with effect from 1 January 2015. Regulatory and policy changes were made for the purpose of making University legislation governing awards more transparent to administer in relation to course advice, admissions, and completions. Key changes are:

   a) Creation of a new template for a Regulation and Determination governing an award of the University

   b) Removal of elements held in common to all awards from award Regulations or Determinations to Determinations to Regulation 2
c) Creation of a Regulation for each award of the University

Other changes implemented in the package of legislation include:

d) Amalgamation of three awards into a single Graduate Certificate in Supervision.

e) Change of title of the Master of Arts (Education and Theology) to a Master of Education and Theology.

The Academic Board approved revised Determinations to Regulation 2 and to the new and revised Regulations governing the awards of the University, consequent on Council’s approval.

The revised legislation will be available on the University website from 1 January 2015.

1.2 Council approved amendments to Regulation 44: Funds Governance and established three Fund Records: the Leatherland Fund, the St Athanasius Coptic Orthodox Lectureship Fund, and the Bursary Fund.

1.3 Council established a Grants Committee and reconstituted the Human Research Ethics Committee through creation of new Determinations to Regulation 1, with effect from 1 January 2015.

1.4 The Academic Board approved additions to Determination 20.3.3 to Regulation 20: Graduate Diploma in Theology and Determination 21.3.4 to Regulation 21: Master of Arts (Theology) to provide for credit for students who have completed the Certificate of Religious Education program of the Catholic Diocese of Sale.

2. Policies and Procedures


2.1 The following policies have been approved by Council or Academic Board, as applicable:

a) Administrative Governance Policy (new): This policy establishes a framework for Regulations, Determinations, Policies, and Procedures of the University, including their approval, revision, and maintenance.

b) Prizes Policy (new): This policy establishes a procedure for the registration of prizes offered by Colleges or the University as a whole enabling their inclusion on academic records.

c) Research Seminar Policy (new): This policy establishes mandatory requirements for higher degree by research students admitted after 1 January 2015 to attend research seminars and conferences. It creates a public schedule of research seminars and conferences held at the University to develop a vibrant community of scholarship within and across the Colleges.

d) Unit Approval Policy (revised)

e) Course Policy and Course Review Procedures (revised)

f) Student Unit Evaluation Policy and Procedures (revised)
3. Appointments

3.1 Academic Classifications and Promotions

3.1.1 On the nomination of Jesuit Theological College and on the recommendation of the Governance and Nominations Committee, the Council has appointed Professor Brendan Byrne sj an Emeritus Professor of the University of Divinity.

3.1.2 On the recommendation of the Academic Promotions Panel and with the endorsement of the Academic Board, the Council has appointed Professor John McDowell a Professor of the University of Divinity with effect from 19 January 2015 and his commencement as Director of Research.

3.1.3 On the recommendation of the Academic Promotions Panel, the Vice-Chancellor has made the following academic classifications:

a) Dr Magdi Awad (St Athanasius Coptic Orthodox Theological College) as Senior Lecturer (Level C)

b) Dr Youhanna Youssef (St Athanasius Coptic Orthodox Theological College) as Associate Professor (Level D)

3.2 Committee and Officer Appointments

3.2.1 Following a review, the Council has extended Dr Graeme Blackman’s term of office as Chancellor for a further three years to 31 December 2018.

3.2.2 Dr Andrew Menzies has been reappointed as Deputy Chancellor for a term of twelve months to 31 December 2015.

3.2.3 Council has noted the reappointment of four Council members by the churches, and has reappointed two members of Council whose appointments are made by the Council.

3.2.4 Emeritus Professor Margaret Jackson has been reappointed as Chair of the Grievance Panel for a term of twelve months to 31 December 2015.

3.2.5 Associate Professor Sean Winter has been reappointed as Chair of the Appeals Panel for a term of twelve months to 31 December 2015, with Dr Andrew Menzies appointed as alternate in the event of a conflict of interest.

3.2.6 Associate Professor Clare O’Callaghan has been appointed to the Human Research Ethics Committee in the category of researcher for a three year term commencing 1 January 2015 and ending 31 December 2017.

3.2.7 Mr John Thomson has been reappointed to the Human Research Ethics Committee in the category of lay member for a three year term commencing 1 January 2015 and ending 31 December 2017.

3.2.8 Dr Susan Blackwood has been reappointed to the Human Research Ethics Committee in the category of lay member for a three year term commencing 1 January 2015 and ending 31 December 2017.

3.2.9 Academic Board has appointed the following persons as Chairs of Examiners and Deputy Chairs for 2015.
a) Field A: John Martis (Chair), Shane Mackinlay (Deputy Chair)

b) Field B: Merryl Blair (Chair), Krzysztof (Kris) Sonek (Deputy Chair)

c) Field C: Gregory Brett (Chair), Geoffrey Thompson (Deputy Chair)

d) Field D: Peter Price (Chair), Michael Kelly (Deputy Chair)

3.2.10 Academic Board has appointed Ms Kerrie Burn as Chair of the Library and Academic Resources Committee for a period of three years, commencing 1 January 2015 and ending 31 December 2017.

3.2.11 Academic Board has appointed Dr Cal Ledsham as Deputy Chair of the Library and Academic Resources Committee for a period of three years, commencing 1 January 2015 and ending 31 December 2017.

3.2.12 Academic Board has received the resignation of Dr Jan Gray as a member of the Academic Board elected by Field C, and has noted that Dr Don Saines and Professor Mark Lindsay will cease to be members of the Academic Board from 1 January 2015.

3.3 Academic Staff Appointments

3.3.1 Stephen Pietsch (ALC) has been approved to teach at all levels in Pastoral Theology and Ministry Studies.

3.3.2 Priya Morgan (CBC) has been approved to teach the units DA1101B Salvation Army Mission and Ministry Practicum A and DA2104B Salvation Army Mission and Ministry Practicum B

3.3.3 Rowan Lewis (Whitley) has been approved to have his accreditation extended to include Systematic Theology at Diploma level.

3.3.4 Elizabeth Stewart (Sentir) has been approved to teach the unit Relational Psychodynamics at Postgraduate Elective level.

3.3.5 Mark Chamberlain (Sentir) has been approved to teach units in Spiritual Direction at postgraduate Foundational level, and under supervision at postgraduate Elective level.

3.4 Honorary Staff Appointments

3.4.1 Dr Jione Havea has been appointed as an Honorary Research Fellow for a period of three years, renewable thereafter.

3.4.2 Dr Race Mathews has been appointed as an Honorary Research Fellow for a period of three years, renewable thereafter.

3.5 Other Appointments

3.5.1 The Council congratulates Terry Curtin on his appointment as Auxiliary Bishop in the Archdiocese of Melbourne and notes that his episcopal ordination will be held at 7.30pm on 17 December at St Patrick’s Cathedral.

3.5.2 David Blake has been appointed to the position of IT Systems Officer at the OVC to commence on 7 January 2015, with responsibility for IT support in the OVC, technical support for ARK, the University's LMS, and ensuring integration across University-wide IT systems.
3.5.3 The University has allocated the role of Clinical Pastoral Education Liaison Officer to Stirling Theological College who will employ Allison Whitby to fulfil the role. Her role involves managing the University’s CPE units, ensuring that information is available regarding units on offer, providing advice to coursework coordinators, and liaising with ASPEA and SHV.

4. Other Business

4.1 The Chancellor presented awards to 42 graduates of the University at a Graduation Ceremony held at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Adelaide, on 5 December 2014 in the presence of the Vice-Chancellor, Deputy Chancellor, Chair of Academic Board, and academic staff and members of the Councils of the University and of Australian Lutheran College. The address was given by Dr Deidre Palmer, Moderator of the Uniting Church for South Australia.

4.2 The United Faculty of Theology held a closing celebration on 30 November 2014 at Trinity College Dining Hall with the final lecture presented by Norman Young. The UFT has now closed.

4.3 Council approved Terms of Reference for an Indigenous Engagement Advisory Group.

4.4 Council approved a revised Schedule of Fees for the issue of academic documents. For more information see [http://www.divinity.edu.au/alumni/academic-records/](http://www.divinity.edu.au/alumni/academic-records/)

4.5 The Academic Board received the report of the Undergraduate Degrees Course Review Panel, adopted some recommendations, and referred others to the Learning and Teaching Committee for resolution and action. Changes to the University’s undergraduate degrees will be implemented during 2015 and applicable to students admitted from 1 January 2016.

4.6 The Academic Board has approved a review of the Grants and Scholarships Working Group and programs of the University.

4.7 The Academic Board has approved two Course Review Panels for 2015: the Graduate Certificate in Teaching Religious Education, and the Graduate Certificates and Graduate Diplomas.