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. 54 students graduated at a Graduation Ceremony held at Immanuel College, Adelaide, at 7.30pm on Friday 4 December 2015.

B. Council approved a new Strategic Plan 2016 – 2025. This includes 15 goals for the 2016-2018 period. The plan will be reviewed each September at a day-long meeting of the Council's Strategic Planning Committee when leaders of each goal will report progress to the Committee, and make requests for funding for future years.

C. The University signed an agreement in November with Catholic Theological College and the Caritas Institute of Higher Education, Hong Kong, to enable delivery of the University’s Graduate Certificate in Teaching Religious Education and Graduate Certificate in Theology awards from 2017 (subject to regulatory approval).

D. The Vice-Chancellor announced the retirement of Mr Jeff Reaney as Director of Administration on 29 January 2016 after six years of service and leadership in the University in a time of extraordinary change and transformation.

1. Regulations and Determinations


1.1 Council approved Regulation 76: Graduate Certificate in Divinity, an outcome of the 2015 Course Review of Graduate Certificates and Graduate Diplomas.

1.2 Council approved revisions to Regulation 2: General Academic Provisions, which relocated the Terms of Reference for the Academic Board from the Determinations to the Regulation itself, to take effect on 1 January 2016.

1.3 Academic Board approved revised Determinations to Regulation 73: Master of Arts (Spirituality).
2. **Policies and Procedures**


2.1 Council approved the Privacy Policy which comes into effect from 1 January 2016 and ensures alignment of University practice with current legislative requirements. Training will be provided to key staff in 2016.

2.2 Council approved the Travel Policy which comes into effect from 1 January 2016 and provides for enhanced funding for interstate travel for committee members on University business.

3. **Appointments**

3.1 **Academic Staff**

3.1.1 James Dalziel was appointed a Professor of the University by the Council on the advice of the Academic Promotions Panel. Professor Dalziel joins Morling College as their Dean of Education from 2016.

3.1.2 Dr Stephen Burns (Trinity College Theological School) was appointed an Associate Professor of the University by the Vice-Chancellor on the advice of the Academic Promotions Panel.

3.1.3 Dr Jason Goroncy (Whitley College) and Dr Heather Tan (Stirling Theological College) were appointed as Senior Lecturers of the University by the Vice-Chancellor on the advice of the Academic Promotions Panel.

3.1.4 Matthew Beckmann PhD, MA, BTheol, LLB, BA (Yarra Theological Union) was accredited to teach at all levels in the fields of Systematic Theology and Church History under item 2.4 in the Lecturer Accreditation Policy, subject to presentation of evidence of qualifications.

3.1.5 Ian Breguet BTheol, BMusEd, CPESup (Stirling Theological College) was accredited to teach Clinical Pastoral Education Basic and Advanced Level units under clause 2.7 of the Lecturer Accreditation Policy.

3.1.6 Rosalind Cairns MCounselling, AdvDipGestalt, CPE, Teaching Cert (Yarra Theological Union) was accredited to teach Interpersonal Dynamics in Spiritual Direction I and II under clause 2.7 of the Lecturer Accreditation Policy.

3.1.7 Andy Calder MA, BTheol, BBehSci, DipRec, CPESup (Stirling Theological College) was accredited to teach Clinical Pastoral Education Basic and Advanced Level units under clause 2.7 of the Lecturer Accreditation Policy.

3.1.8 Christy Capper MTS, MA (VocPrac), GradDipArts, BA (Trinity College Theological School) was accredited to teach in the disciplines of Mission and Ministry, Pastoral Theology and Missiology at Diploma and Undergraduate level under clause 2.7 of the Lecturer Accreditation Policy.

3.1.9 Marc Chan PhD, GradDipMin, BDivHons, GradDipBus, BSchons (Whitley College) was accredited to teach DM2/3/9007 The Multicultural Church under clause 2.5 of the Lecturer Accreditation Policy.
3.1.10 David Dawes BTheol, CPESup (Stirling Theological College) was accredited to teach Clinical Pastoral Education Basic and Advanced Level units under clause 2.7 of the Lecturer Accreditation Policy.

3.1.11 Jasmine Dow MTh, BTh, DipAnglicanOrders (Trinity College Theological School) was accredited to teach in the disciplines of Mission and Ministry, Liturgy and Missiology at Diploma and Undergraduate level under clause 2.7 of the Lecturer Accreditation Policy.

3.1.12 Graeme Gibbons DMin, GradDipAppSocPsych, BDiv, BA, CPEEducator (Stirling Theological College) was accredited to teach Clinical Pastoral Education Basic and Advanced Level units under clause 2.4 of the Lecturer Accreditation Policy.

3.1.13 Terry Grey DEd, MEd, MTheol, BTheol, CertIVT&A (Catherine Booth College) was accredited to teach at all levels in Liturgy under clause 2.5 of the Lecturer Accreditation Policy.

3.1.14 Valerie Henderson AdvDipTheol, CPESup (Stirling Theological College) was accredited to teach Clinical Pastoral Education Basic and Advanced Level units under clause 2.7 of the Lecturer Accreditation Policy.

3.1.15 Mary Klasen BTheol, GradDipEd, BAHons, BEc, CPESup (Stirling Theological College) was accredited to teach Clinical Pastoral Education Basic and Advanced Level units under clause 2.7 of the Lecturer Accreditation Policy, subject to presentation of evidence of qualifications.

3.1.16 Kevin Messer ClinScD, MEd, GradDipCouns, CertSpirDir, TeachCert (Yarra Theological Union) was accredited to teach Interpersonal Dynamics in Spiritual Direction I and II under clause 2.5 of the Lecturer Accreditation Policy.

3.1.17 Gregory Morgan MMin, GradCertHigherEd, BTheol (Catherine Booth College) was accredited to teach the postgraduate units DA9199B Worship and Preaching: Creative Exploration; DP9121B Supervised Theological Field Education under clause 2.7 of the Lecturer Accreditation Policy.

3.1.18 Janet Morgan DMinStuds, MA, BTheol, CPESup (Stirling Theological College) was accredited to teach Clinical Pastoral Education Basic and Advanced Level units under clause 2.4 of the Lecturer Accreditation Policy.

3.1.19 John Read PhD, MA(SysTheol), BA, CertEd (Catherine Booth College) was accredited to teach at all levels in Systematic Theology under clause 2.4 of the Lecturer Accreditation Policy.

3.1.20 Thomas Rose BTheol, DipMin, CPESup (Stirling Theological College) was accredited to teach Clinical Pastoral Education Basic and Advanced Level units under clause 2.7 of the Lecturer Accreditation Policy, subject to presentation of evidence of qualifications.

3.1.21 Heather Somerville BTheol, CPESup (Stirling Theological College) was accredited to teach Clinical Pastoral Education Basic and Advanced Level units under clause 2.7 of the Lecturer Accreditation Policy.

3.1.22 Helen Squire BTheol, BSc, CPESup (Stirling Theological College) was accredited to teach Clinical Pastoral Education Basic and Advanced Level units under clause 2.7 of the Lecturer Accreditation Policy.
3.1.23 Bishop Anba Suriel PhD, MRelEd, TeachCert, BSc (St Athanasius Coptic Orthodox Theological College) was accredited to teach at all levels in the discipline of Church History and in Field D: Theology: Mission and Ministry under clause 2.5 of the Lecturer Accreditation Policy.

3.1.24 Megan Turton BA Hons, LLB (Whitley College) was accredited to teach the units at BTheol level 1 in Biblical Languages, and BTheol level 2 and postgraduate Foundational levels in Old Testament, and the units AL1011W / AL8011W Biblical Hebrew and AL2010W / AL8011W Ruth, under clause 2.7 of the Lecturer Accreditation Policy.

3.1.25 Jennifer Wegener MA, BTheol, CPEEducator (Stirling Theological College) was accredited to teach at all levels in the disciplines of Pastoral Theology and Ministry Studies; and to teach Clinical Pastoral Education Basic and Advanced Level units under clause 2.7 of the Lecturer Accreditation Policy, subject to presentation of evidence of qualifications.

3.1.26 Alison Whitby MA, BTheol, Bed, BA, CPEEducator (Stirling Theological College) was accredited to teach Clinical Pastoral Education Basic and Advanced Level units under clause 2.7 of the Lecturer Accreditation Policy.

3.1.27 Bernadette Wurlod MA(TheolSt), BTheol, AdvDipTheol, CPESup (Stirling Theological College) was accredited to teach Clinical Pastoral Education Basic and Advanced Level units under clause 2.7 of the Lecturer Accreditation Policy on presentation of evidence of qualifications.

3.1.28 Meewon Yang MTHeol, BTheol, DipMin, DipCommunityDev, CertSpirDir (Whitley College) was accredited to teach DM2/3/9007 The Multicultural Church under clause 2.7 of the Lecturer Accreditation Policy.

3.1.29 Brenda Young BTheol, BEd, AdvDipMin (Catherine Booth College) was accredited as supervisor in undergraduate praxis units: Reflective Practice – Vocational Formation in Social and Community Services; Reflective Practice – Vocational Formation in Faith Communities; Supervised Theological Field Education under clause 2.7 of the Lecturer Accreditation Policy.

3.2 Honorary Appointments

3.2.1 Robert Gribben (Pilgrim Theological College) was appointed an Honorary Research Fellow for a term concluding 31 December 2018.

3.2.2 Peter Stiles (Morling College) was appointed an Honorary Postdoctoral Associate for a term concluding 31 December 2018.

3.3 Other Appointments

3.3.1 Dr Andrew Menzies was reappointed as Deputy Chancellor of the University for 2016, in accordance with section 14 (1) of the Melbourne College of Divinity Act.

3.3.2 Emeritus Professor Margaret Jackson was reappointed as Chair of the Grievance Panel by the Council for a term of twelve months to 31 December 2016.

3.3.3 Dr Anne Hunt was appointed Chair of the Appeals Panel by the Council for a term of twelve months to 31 December 2016.
3.3.4 George Lopez was appointed as Chair of the Human Research Ethics Committee by the Council for a term commencing 1 January 2016 and ending 31 December 2018.

3.3.5 Leigh Mackay and Brian Mills were reappointed as members of the Grants Committee by the Council for a term of twelve months to 31 December 2016.

3.3.6 The Academic Board has appointed the following Chairs and Deputy Chairs of Examiners for 2016 in accordance with Regulation 2.2:

Field A: John Martis (Chair) and Shane Mackinlay (Deputy Chair)

Field B: Merryl Blair (Chair) and Kris Sonek (Deputy Chair)

Field C: Greg Brett (Chair) and Geoff Thompson (Deputy Chair)

Field D: Peter Price (Chair) and Bishop Anba Suriel (Deputy Chair).

3.3.7 Dr Callan Ledsham (Field A), Dr Catherine Playoust (Field B), Dr Max Vodola (Field C), and Dr Frances Baker (Field D) were elected as academic staff members of the Academic Board from 1 January 2016 to 31 December 2018.

3.3.8 Amanda Smith was re-elected as a member of the Academic Board in the category of research student from 1 January 2016 to 31 December 2016.

3.3.9 Professor Barry McGaw was reappointed as an external member of the Academic Quality and Standards Committee for a term commencing 1 January 2016 and ending 31 December 2018.

3.3.10 Siobhan Foster was appointed as a member of the Library and Resources Committee by the Chair of the Academic Board for a term of three years ending 31 December 2018.

3.3.11 Dr Kevin Lenehan was appointed as Chair of the Research Committee for a term commencing 1 January 2016 and ending 31 December 2018.

3.3.12 Dr Merryl Blair, Dr Rosemary Canavan, Dr John Flett, and Dr Claire Renkin were appointed as members of the Research Grants Panel for a term commencing 1 January 2016 and ending 31 December 2018.

3.3.13 Professor Bill Ashcroft (UNSW), Professor Dorothy Lee (internal), Associate Professor Katharine Massam (internal), Professor James McLaren (ACU), and Professor Bruce Tonge (Monash) were appointed as the members of the Academic Promotions Panel for 2016, with Professor Lyn McCredden (Deakin) as the alternate for Professor Ashcroft for second semester.

3.3.14 Associate Professor Shane Mackinlay (Chair), Associate Professor Katharine Massam, Associate Professor Keith Dyer, Dr Mary Leahy, Revd Cheryl Holmes, Major Gregory Morgan, Dr Merryn Ruwoldt, Revd Dr John Capper, and Professor John McDowell were appointed as members of the 2016 Course Review Panel: Masters Degrees.

3.3.15 The Council appointed Professor Peter Sherlock as the Registrar from 29 January 2016, in accordance with section 19 (1) (b) of the Melbourne College of Divinity Act.
4. **Other matters**

4.1 Council approved the University’s Strategic Plan 2016 – 2025, with 15 initial goals for the 2016-2018 period. The Plan will be formally launched early in 2016.

4.2 Council approved the University’s Business Plan 2016 – 2018, including an increase in expenditure for 2016 of $129,000 to fund goals in the Strategic Plan.

4.3 The University signed an agreement in November with Catholic Theological College and the Caritas Institute of Higher Education, Hong Kong, to enable delivery of the University’s Graduate Certificate in Teaching Religious Education and Graduate Certificate in Theology awards from 2017 (subject to regulatory approval).

4.4 Council approved renewal of the Collegiate Agreement with Trinity College for a period of seven years commencing 1 January 2016 and ending 31 December 2022.

4.5 Council approved the updated Campus Master Plan 2015.

4.6 Council received the report and recommendations of the internal review of Australian Lutheran College and approved renewal of the Collegiate Agreement for a period of seven years commencing 1 January 2016 and ending 31 December 2022.

4.7 The Vice-Chancellor announced to Council the retirement of Mr Jeff Reaney as Director of Administration on 29 January 2016, and the Council passed a minute of appreciation for his service and leadership over a period of six years of extraordinary change and transformation for the institution.

4.8 The Academic Board received the report and recommendations (with amendments) of the 2015 Course Review Panels on Graduate Certificates and Graduate Diplomas and adopted an implementation plan.