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.** The new University Mace was received by Council at its meeting on 16 August. The Mace will be dedicated and used for the first time on 22 August at the ceremony to confer the Doctor of Divinity (honoris causa) on the Very Revd Dr John Behr.

**B.** The Council accepted the report of the Major Review of Catherine Booth College and has approved the application by the Salvation Army Australia Territory to create a new College of the University (incorporating Catherine Booth College and Booth College, Sydney) as a new national College for the Salvation Army commencing 1 January 2018.

**C.** The Council has committed the University to addressing the 10 recommendations of the Australian Human Rights Commission *Change the Course* report on sexual abuse and assault at Australia’s Universities and initiated an implementation process.

**D.** The 2018 University Calendar including key academic dates and all meeting dates has now been published on the University website at

https://www.divinity.edu.au/university-of-divinity/key-dates/

**1. Regulations and Determinations**

The Regulations are available at


1.1 Council repealed Regulation 72: Master of Social Justice. As this award has no enrolments, the repeal comes into immediate effect.

1.2 Council approved amendment of Regulation 46: Graduate Certificate in Ageing to change the name of the award from Graduate Certificate in Ageing (Ethics and Pastoral Care) to Graduate Certificate in Ageing, or GCAgeing.

1.3 Council approved Regulation 79: University Scholars. This creates a new category of membership of the University, available to persons nominated and supported by a College but who are not students, staff members, or honorary researchers of the University. Application forms will be available from the University website from 1 September 2017.

1.4 Council established a Prizes Fund under Regulation 44: Funds Governance, to support the award of a monetary prize or purchase of suitable items to accompany prizes awarded to students of the University that are listed in the University’s Prizes Fund. Donations to this Fund of the University are tax-deductible.

1.5 The Academic Board approved the addition of Antonine University, Lebanon to the list of Recognised Institutions in Determination 14.6 of Regulation 2.
1.6 The Academic Board accredited Catholic Theological College and Yarra Theological Union to deliver the Master of Education and Theology commencing 2018, and approved revised Determinations to Regulation 39: Master of Education and Theology to adjust the course of study for this award accordingly. The revised Determinations will be published on the website on 1 September 2017.

2. **Policies and Procedures**


2.1 The Academic Board approved the Student Support Services Policy, which details the responsibilities of Colleges, the Office of the Vice-Chancellor, and students in relation to the provision of services that support students to realise their academic potential.

2.2 The Academic Board approved amendments to the Assessment Policy, including relocation of the Grade Descriptors to Schedule B, and revision of these descriptors.

3. **Academic Staff**

3.1 Gina Bernasconi has been reappointed as Honorary Research Associate for a term concluding 31 December 2019.

3.2 Margaret Campbell has been appointed as Honorary Research Associate for a term concluding 31 December 2019.

3.3 John Collins has been reappointed as Honorary Research Associate for a term concluding 31 December 2019.

3.4 Bishop Jeffrey Driver has been appointed as Honorary Research Associate for a term concluding 31 December 2019.

3.5 Grenville Kent has been appointed Honorary Research Associate for a term concluding 31 December 2019.

3.6 Tim Lewis has been appointed as Honorary Postdoctoral Associate for a term concluding 31 December 2019.

3.7 Simone Rickerby’s appointment as Honorary Postdoctoral Associate has been extended to 31 December 2018.

4. **Other Appointments**

4.1 The Episcopal Conference of the Melbourne Province of the Roman Catholic Church in Victoria has reappointed Emeritus Professor Gabrielle McMullen as a member of the University Council for a term from 1 January 2018 to 31 December 2020.

4.2 The Council has reappointed Emeritus Professor Margaret Jackson as a member of the University Council for a term from 1 January 2018 to 31 December 2020.

4.3 The Council has appointed Nick Fels as Chair of the Finance and Investment Committee for a term from 1 January 2018 to 31 December 2020.
4.4 The Council has reappointed Reverend Katrina Lambert as member of the Vice-Chancellor’s Review Committee for a term from 1 January 2018 to 31 December 2020.