2 Governance

Company structure

The University is incorporated in Victoria as Australian Catholic University Limited, a public company limited by guarantee. The company’s members are the Catholic Archbishops of the Archdioceses of Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane and Canberra-Goulburn, the Bishops of the Dioceses of Ballarat and Parramatta, congregational leaders of a number of religious institutions and nominees of the Archbishops and the Bishop of Ballarat.

Its constitution may be viewed on the University’s website (www.acu.edu.au).

The University Senate is the governing body of the University. Its members are the Board of Directors of Australian Catholic University Limited.

Four chapters, based in the Australian Capital Territory, New South Wales, Queensland and Victoria, provide an interface between the University and the local community. Chapters act as advisory bodies to the Senate. The local Archbishop appoints members of each chapter. While the chapters have no direct governance role in the University, the chair of each chapter advises the annual general meeting of the company on the attainment in its state/territory of the objects of the company. His Eminence Cardinal George Pell AC is the President of Australian Catholic University Limited.

Senate members

The 16 members of Senate – the Board of Directors – are appointed in different ways. Three are ex-officio members (Chancellor, Pro-Chancellor and Vice-Chancellor); four are elected by members of the company; four by members of the company from a panel of nominations provided by members of the company and the Senate; three by academic staff; and one each from general staff and students.

The Chancellor and Pro-Chancellor are selected by the members of the company, while the Vice-Chancellor is appointed by the Senate.
Directors’ membership of external boards

**Bishop James Foley**  
Trust Corporation of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Cairns

**Br Robert Julian McDonald CFC AO**  
St Stanislaus’ College Bathurst  
Encompass Australasia Limited  
Trustees of the Christian Brothers  
Trustees of the Christian Brothers (Queensland)  
The Christian Brothers Inc  
Christian Brothers in Western Australia Inc  
Christian Brothers Victoria Property Ltd  
Trustees of the Christian Brothers New Zealand  
Brigidine College St Ives

**Associate Professor Marea Nicholson**  
Rosebank College

**Mr Stephen Noel Elder**  
Catholic Education Commission of Victoria Ltd  
Catholic Capital Grant (Victoria) Ltd

Committees

**Senate Committees**
- Standing and Finance Committee
- Audit Committee
- Nominations Committee
- Honorary Awards Committee

**Standing Committees of Academic Board**
- Academic Board Standing Committee
- Academic Regulations Committee
- Admissions Committee
- Indigenous Education Committee
- Internationalisation Committee
- Learning and Teaching Committee
- Non-Award Courses Committee
- Scholarships Committee
- University Medals Committee
- University Research Committee

**Committees reporting to the Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Academic)**
- Academic Board
- Academic Staff Promotion Committees
- Ceremonial and Protocols Committee
- Community Engagement Committee
- Goals Committee
- Indigenous Research Committee
- Indigenous Employment Strategy Steering Committee
- Outside Studies Program and Internal Research Secondment Committee
- Probation Review Committees
- University Galleries Committee

Management structure

The Vice-Chancellor, as the Chief Executive Officer of Australian Catholic University, is responsible for representing the University both nationally and internationally and for providing its strategic leadership and management.

Four Pro-Vice-Chancellors have delegated responsibility for assigned areas of policy: Academic; Administration and Resources; Research; and Students, Learning and Teaching.

Associate Vice-Chancellors are based in Brisbane, Melbourne and Sydney. They act as the Vice-Chancellor’s representative in their local region, as do the Campus Deans at Ballarat and Canberra.

The Vice-Chancellor is also assisted by the four Faculty Deans, the Academic Registrar and Directors with national portfolios. Each faculty is headed by a Faculty Dean and supported by two Associate Deans.

There are Directors for each major area of the University’s activities, as shown in the management structure chart on page 15.

Each campus has a student association and there is a national student body, Australian Catholic University National Students’ Association (ACUNSA), which looks after the welfare of students and provides a voice for them.
Principal officers of the University in 2009

Chancellor
Brother R Julian McDonald
CFC AO BA DipEd (Syd) CertRelFormation (St Louis) GradDiplLangEd (CSU)

Brother Julian was appointed Chancellor of Australian Catholic University in November 2000. He has been a member of the University Senate since 1992, and was previously Pro-Chancellor from 1995–2000.

In October 2002, Brother Julian concluded a 12-year term as Province Leader of the Christian Brothers in NSW, ACT and Papua New Guinea. He is currently a member of the Leadership Team of the Christian Brothers, Oceania Province, and a consultant to the National Committee for Professional Standards – a committee of the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference and Catholic Religious Australia. He was made an Officer in the General Division of the Order of Australia in 2003.

Brother Julian joined the Christian Brothers in 1960 and went on to gain a Bachelor of Arts and Diploma of Education at the University of Sydney. He later received a Certificate of Religious Formation from St Louis University and a Graduate Diploma in Language in Education from Charles Sturt University. In 1973, he became Director of the Christian Brothers Formation at Strathfield NSW and held this position until 1981. Brother Julian spent two years (1988–1990) in Rome as Director of the Christian Brothers International Renewal Program. He has an honorary doctorate from Divine Word University, Madang, Papua New Guinea.

Pro-Chancellor
Edward Exell
BA (Hons) (Melb) BEd (ANU) AM

Mr Exell has been Pro-Chancellor of the University since November 2000 and is a previous Business Manager of the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne. He is Chair of the Standing and Finance Committee of the University.

Mr Exell was born in Melbourne and educated at Xavier College, Melbourne, Loyola College, Watsonia, as a Jesuit scholastic, and at the Australian National University.

Before joining the Catholic Archdiocese, he was Deputy Managing Director of the Australian Trade Commission. Mr Exell has served on the National Board of Employment Education and Training and the Mercy Health and Aged Board, and as a member of the School Council of Xavier College. He was made a Member in the General Division of the Order of Australia in 1988.

Vice-Chancellor
Professor Greg Craven
BA (Melb) LLM (Melb)

Professor Craven, lawyer and academic, commenced as Vice-Chancellor of Australian Catholic University in February 2008. An expert in public and constitutional law, he has published many journal articles and four books, including Conversations with the Constitution (University of New South Wales Press, 2004). A regular commentator in public debate, he is a columnist for The Australian Financial Review and a contributor to newspapers, journals and public forums.

Before his ACU appointment, Professor Craven was Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Strategy and Planning) of Curtin University of Technology in Western Australia, where he also held the positions of Professor of Government and Constitutional Law and Executive Director of the John Curtin Institute of Public Policy.

Formerly Foundation Dean and Professor of Law at the University of Notre Dame (WA), Professor Craven was earlier Senior Lecturer and Reader in Law at the University of Melbourne. For three years he was Crown Counsel to the Victorian Government, where he oversaw major legal policy reforms.

His first two years as Vice-Chancellor of ACU have been marked by thorough reviews, a new strategic plan, restructuring of the University’s management, introduction of new courses, growth in enrolments and an increasing emphasis on research.
Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Academic)
Professor Gabrielle McMullen
BSc (Hons) PhD (Monash) FRACI

Professor McMullen has held her current appointment as Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Academic) since 2000. Her national roles include Chair of the University’s Academic Board and responsibility for the Faculties, Indigenous education and community engagement as well as academic matters related to international education. She was previously Rector of the Ballarat Campus for five years.

Before joining ACU, Professor McMullen worked at the Chemical Institute of the University of Freiburg, Germany, as a postdoctoral fellow, and then in the Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology at Monash University, where she was also Dean of Mannix College. She has held fellowships from the Alexander von Humboldt-Stiftung and the Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft, and is a Fellow of the Royal Australian Chemical Institute.

Her community roles include membership of the Australian Learning and Teaching Council’s Competitive Grants Committee and of the College Development Steering Committee for Caritas, Hong Kong.

Professor McMullen’s current research interests include Catholic higher education.

Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Research)
Professor Thomas Martin
BVSc DipVetPath PhD MBA (Syd)
DipACLAM (UnivSA)

Professor Martin was appointed in 2009 and is the senior executive responsible for research at the University.

Professor Martin has a distinguished record in biomedical research and training, and in research management. His research contributions include international publications and presentations on neurotoxicology, biomedical implants and orthopaedics, diabetes, and anaesthesia and analgesia. He has authored or co-authored applications resulting in $5 million in grants for research infrastructure.

He has also been a consultant to academic institutions and government on research policy and ethics, and is on the editorial board of the Journal of Comparative Medicine and of the Journal of the American Association for Laboratory Animal Science.

Professor Martin’s previous appointments include Department Chair at the Roswell Park Cancer Institute (New York) and Professor (Pathology) at the State University of New York. His most recent previous appointment was at Columbia University, New York, as Associate Vice-President (Research), Professor (Pathology) and Director of the Institute of Comparative Medicine.

Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Students, Learning and Teaching)
Professor Anne Cummins
BEd (Canberra CAE) Grad Dip Ed (Syd Cath Coll)
MA (Macquarie) MEd (ACU) Grad Dip Ed (St Aloysius College)

Previously Dean of Students (2008–2009), Professor Cummins was appointed in 2009 to this portfolio, which includes the newly established Office of Student Success, University libraries, student administration and the Learning and Teaching Centre.

Professor Cummins has had extensive experience in the governance of educational and not-for-profit organisations. Before coming to ACU, she was the director of a professional services firm specialising in leadership and strategy for not-for-profit organisations and government departments. She has held previous senior executive roles in Catholic education, including establishing the Human Resources and Leadership Division of the Catholic Education Office Canberra-Goulburn and as Principal of Merici College Canberra.

Professor Cummins is currently a director of Marist Youth Care and a member of the Council of St Ignatius’ College, Riverview.

Her present research interests include the development of flexible delivery of higher education and the support of diverse pathways to tertiary study.
Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Administration and Resources)
John Cameron
MComm (UNSW) CPA AIMM
Mr Cameron was appointed Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Administration and Resources) in January 2009. He is responsible for all non-academic administrative service and support functions of the University.
Mr Cameron is the Company Secretary and Public Officer of Australian Catholic University Limited. In that role, he is also Secretary to the governing Senate and its committees and is responsible for all governance and legal matters, including copyright and privacy.
He was previously Executive Director University Services from 2000 and, before that, Director of Finance for two years.
Before joining ACU, Mr Cameron worked at the University of Technology, Sydney, from 1987–1998 as Director Financial Services, and at the University of New South Wales from 1973–1987 in several administrative positions. He has a total of 36 years’ experience in higher education administration.

Associate Vice-Chancellors
Sydney
Associate Professor Marea Nicholson
BA (Macq) DipTeach (Newcastle CAE) EdGradDipEdStud (Nepean CAE) MED PhD (Syd)
Melbourne
Mr Chris Sheargold BA (Syd) AAILA
Brisbane
Professor Peta Goldburg RSM BA (Qld Con) LMusA (AMEB) ATCL MResEd (ACU) MATheol (UQ) PhD (Newc)
Dr Lindsay Farrell BA (QldCollArt) DipTeach (BrisCAE) MCS (RegentCollBrCol) PhD (Griffith)
(Both acting for 2009)

Professor John Devereux BA LLB (Qld) DPhil (Oxon) GradDipMillLaw (Melb)
(Appointed for 2010)

Campus Deans
Canberra
Associate Professor Patrick McArdle
BTheol (SydColDiv) STB STL (CathInstSyd) GradDipEd (UnivSA) MED PhD (ACU)
Ballarat
Professor Anne Hunt OAM BSc (Melb) DipEd (MelbCE) BED (Monash) BTheol (MCD)
MSc (Ed) (Fordham) MATH (CTUCheicago) DTheol (MCD)
Associate Professor Suzanne McNamara BED (VicCollege) GradDipEdTech (VicCollege) MED (EdTech & Curric) (WAIT) PhD (Monash) MGMT (ACU) MACE
(Both acting in 2009)

Deans
Faculty of Arts and Sciences:
Professor Gail Crossley BSc (Hons) PhD (Melb) DipEd (SydCAE)
Faculty of Education:
Professor Marie Emmitt TTTC (Toorak) BA BED MED (Monash) MACES
Faculty of Health Sciences:
Professor Pauline Nugent RN BAppSci (LaTrobe) MEdS (Monash) FRCNA (Nth Syd)
Faculty of Theology and Philosophy:
Professor Anne Hunt OAM BSc (Melb) DipEd (MelbCE) BED (Monash) BTheol (MCD)
MSc (Ed) (Fordham) MATH (CTUCheicago) DTheol (MCD)
Internationalisation:
Professor Pamela Gibbons BA DipEd MED PhD (Syd) FACS

Directors
Academic Registrar
Ms Gabrielle Westmore BA (Qld)
Director of ACUcom
Ms Margaret Cross BA (La Trobe) DipEd (Melb) MMgt (ACU)
Director, Centre for Indigenous Education and Research
Associate Professor Nereda White
DipTeach Early Childhood BED MED Leadership & Management (QUT) EDJ (ACU)
Director of Finance
Mr John Ryan BBus (UTS) CPA
Director of Human Resources
Ms Diana Chegwidden BComm (EmpRelS) MComm (HMBB IR) (UNSW)
Director of Identity and Mission
Mr Stephen Lawrence BA (LaTrobe) GradDipEd (ACU) BTheol (CatholicCol)
Director, Institute for Advancing Community Engagement
Professor Jude Butcher CPC BA (Hons) MA (Hons) (Macq) PhD (Syd)
Director, Institute for Catholic Identity and Mission
Associate Professor Patrick McArdle BTheol (SydColDiv) STB STL (CathInstSyd) GradDipEd (SAust) MED PhD (ACU)
Director of Information Technology
Mr Paul Campbell MGT (UNSW)
Director of International Education
Ms Valerie Hoogstad BA (Syd) MA (Macq)
Director, Learning and Teaching Centre
Professor Yani Ryan BA (Hons) DipEd MA PhD (Qld) MED (Melb) ASDA Speech (AMEB)
Director of Libraries
Mr Christopher Sheargold BA (Syd) AAILA
Director, Office of Planning and Strategic Management
Ms Evelyn Picot BAppSc (St Syd) MComm (CSU)
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Professor Scott Prasser BA (Hons) MPA (Qld) PhD (Griffith)
Director of Properties
Mr Con O’Donnell BArch (Hons) (NSWIT) MBEnv (UNSW) MBA (UNSW)
Director of University Relations
Ms Patricia Ruzzene BA (NSW) GradCertTCHG MACommMgt (UTS) (Until September 2009)
Ms Nuala Davis MMgt (Macq) GradDipMan (AGSM) GradDipMktg (UNSW)
(Acting from September 2009)