

**AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY  
DIGEST OF SENATE MEETING  
HELD ON 18 SEPTEMBER 2008  
IN THE COUNCIL ROOM, JAMES CARROLL BUILDING  
MACKILLOP CAMPUS, 40 EDWARD STREET, NORTH SYDNEY**

### **Management Restructure**

Senate considered a proposal from the Vice-Chancellor for a management restructure and resolved to:

1. abolish the positions of Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Research and International) and Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Quality and Engagement);
2. create two new positions: Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Research) and Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Students, Learning and Teaching);
3. redesignate the position of Executive Director, University Services as Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Administration and Resources);
4. abolish the position of Dean of Students
5. establish a new Directorate of Identity and Mission headed by a Director reporting to the Vice-Chancellor;
6. establish the roles of Associate Vice-Chancellor in Brisbane, Sydney and Melbourne; and
7. redesignate the positions of Rector, Ballarat Campus and Rector, Signadou Campus as Dean of Campus (Ballarat) and Dean of Campus (Canberra) respectively.

Senate endorsed the commencement of the recruitment process associated with the restructure and agreed to the composition of Selection Committees.

It was noted that the Vice-Chancellor would shortly commence briefing sessions on all campuses to communicate the substance of the management restructure to staff.

### **Establishment of Faculty of Theology and Philosophy**

Senate received the report of the Chair of the Working Party established to advise the Vice-Chancellor on the most effective structure for Theology in the University, Archbishop Mark Coleridge. On the recommendation of the Vice-Chancellor, Senate resolved to establish a new Faculty of Theology and Philosophy and that the disciplines of Theology and Philosophy be within the new Faculty. Senate further resolved that the discipline of Religious Education remain within the Faculty of Education. A range of mechanisms will be implemented to develop authentic dialogue between Religious Education and Theology to facilitate close teaching, research and collaborations between these disciplines.

### **Establishment of a Public Policy Institute**

Senate resolved to establish a Public Policy Institute, which will be located on the Signadou Campus, Canberra. Professor Frank Brennan SJ AO has been assigned to the staff of the Institute.

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### **Naming of new building at McAuley at Banyo**

Senate resolved to name the new building at the McAuley at Banyo campus the Peter W. Sheehan Building in honour of his significant contribution to the University during his ten years as Vice-Chancellor. Senate agreed to hold its first meeting for 2009 at McAuley at Banyo to coincide with the Opening Ceremony for the new building.

### **Meeting Calendar**

Senate meetings have been scheduled on the following dates for 2009:

Thursday 2 April  
Thursday 18 June  
Thursday 17 September  
Thursday 5 November

### **Award and renewal of honorary titles of Adjunct Professor**

Senate noted that, on behalf of Senate, Standing and Finance Committee awarded the title of Adjunct Professor to Archbishop Mark Benedict Coleridge DD, for a period of three years. Standing and Finance Committee also renewed the term of appointment of the following Adjunct Professors for a period of three years:

Dr Peter Bayne  
Dr Anne Benjamin  
Mr Julian Burnside QC  
Dr Michael Costigan  
Mr Christopher Sidoti  
Mr Greg Smith

### **Committee and Chapter Reports**

Senate received reports of the following:

1. Academic Board meeting held on 23 July 2008.
2. Ceremonial and Protocols Committee meeting held on 8 July 2008.
3. Goals Committee meeting held on 16 June 2008.
4. ACT Chapter meeting held on 21 August 2008.
5. NSW Chapter meeting held on 24 June 2008.
6. Queensland Chapter meetings held on 10 June and 19 August 2008.
7. Victorian Chapter meetings held on 3 June and 25 August 2008.



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