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1. Policy Consolidation Project Continuing

The project to review, simplify and consolidate the University’s policies and procedures is continuing, with many staff across the University involved in drafting new policies and associated processes. A key objective of this project is to eliminate the apparent complexity in University policies and procedures by removing process information, i.e. operational steps/instructions, from policy documents to achieve the following benefits:

- limit policy to substantive principles that set direction and guide decision making, thereby simplifying policies and aligning them with the functions of Chancellery in the new University operating model
- give practice leaders in University Services and academic divisions greater ownership of and accountability for development and continuous improvement of processes designed to implement the strategic objectives and policies set by Chancellery, thereby reflecting the University’s commitment to the principle of subsidiarity as its core organisational philosophy.

Legal and Risk in University Services is coordinating the completion of this work and the majority of new policies and their associated processes are expected to be published by the end of 2015. Please direct any enquiries about the policy consolidation project to Ray Wilson.

2. Policy Publication Update

As previously advised, a new section of the Melbourne Policy Framework website has been established to provide access to the new policies developed through the policy consolidation project and their associated processes. To maximise accessibility to these new policies, they are also now listed in the Melbourne Policy Library with links directing to the new website.

Policies and procedures under review are being formally revoked and removed from publication in the Melbourne Policy Library as they are replaced by new policies or determined to no longer be required. A spreadsheet that lists the revoked documents and maps their content to new policies and/or processes has been published on the Melbourne Policy Framework website – refer to the ‘Document Map – Old to New’ under the ‘Quick Links’ heading on the homepage. This spreadsheet will be updated periodically as the policy consolidation work continues.

3. Draft Policy Consultation

There are currently no draft documents available for consultation on the Draft Policy Consultation Notice Board.
4. Recently Published Policies

The following new policies have recently been published:

**Academic programs and governance**
- Academic Progress Policy
  - Academic Progress Review Procedure
- Credit, Advanced Standing and Accelerated Entry Policy
- Selection and Admission Policy
  - Selection and Admission Procedure
- Weighted Average Mark Policy

**Employment**
- Academic Appointment, Performance and Promotion Policy

**Students and learning**
- Commonwealth (HELP) Loans and Tuition Funding Policy
- Enrolment Policy
- Special Consideration Policy
- Student Fees and Charges Policy
- Student Loans and Grants Policy
  - Student Loan and Grant Fund Committee Procedure
- Timetabling Policy

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