

SIDDHARTHA INSTITUTE OF BUDDHISM

An unincorporated entity operating as a division of the Queensland Sangha Association Inc

PROSPECTUS 2018

1 DECEMBER 2017

This is the fourth edition of the prospectus intended for activities planned for 2018. It consists of eight pages and deals with the following matters.

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OBJECTIVES

- 1 Bring together educational activities of the Queensland Sangha Association Inc. past, present and future under the umbrella of one educational institution.
- 2 Recognise and synergize educational talent and other resources relevant to Buddhist culture, understanding and aspirations.
- 3 Facilitate the further education and training of monks, nuns and lay persons for their own well being and the well being of the wider community.
- 4 Enable students to equip themselves as valuable and exemplary citizens.
- 5 Provide a vision for students to integrate knowledge in general with happy living and reaching out to attaining Nibbana (enlightenment) with confidence and conviction.
- 6 Promote a deep understanding of the mind to ensure contentment within and peace and harmony in a global society.

MISSION AND VISION

The over-riding mission of the institute is to enable all participants to understand themselves and to lead a happy life.

Our vision is that proper education and training can enable a person to follow the path to Nibbana while at the same time achieving mundane peace and happiness.

ORGANISATION OF THE SIDDHARTHA INSTITUTE OF BUDDHISM

The institute is organised in terms of the structure indicated by the following:

- 1 The Senate of the institute
- 2 Executive Council
- 3 Academic Council

The senate has overall responsibility and control of the activities of the institute. It may have sub-units or boards for special functions ad hoc or regular. The chairman of the senate shall answer to the Queensland Sangha Association Inc. in respect of accountability.

The Executive Council shall be the operating arm of the institute for all aspects of work except academic responsibilities. The executive council shall be constituted by:

Rahubadde Sarath-Chandra Chairman

Tanuja Yasanga Sarath-Chandra Deputy Chairman

Dr. Barbara Sullivan Secretary

The secretary will also function as the secretary to the senate.

Until a separate executive council is appointed, members of the executive committee of QSA can by invitation, function as members of the executive council of the Siddhartha Institute.

The Academic Council shall be responsible for the proper functioning of research, education and training activities. The executive council shall remain responsible for operational aspects of academic work. The Academic Council shall consist of:

Dr. Barbara Sullivan Chairman

Tanuja Yasanga Sarath-Chandra Member

Rahubadde Sarath-Chandra Member

CAMPUSES OF THE INSTITUTE

The institute may have as many campuses as it needs. As the institute does not own or possess any land or building at this time, each campus will be provided by an established Buddhist centre on agreed terms.

At this time three campuses are envisaged:

- 1 Sri Lanka Buddhist Monastery (Brisbane), 114 Considine Street, Ellen Grove, Queensland 4078
- 2 Wat Thai Buddharam (Thai Temple), 1 Paradise Road, Forestdale, Queensland 4118
- 3 Queensland Buddhist Vihara, 108 Eric Street, Goodna, Queensland 4300
- 4 Myanmar Buddhist Temple, 159 Bagnall Street, Ellen Grove, Queensland 4078

In 2017 most courses have been delivered at Wat Thai Buddharam, the Thai Temple at 1 Paradise Road, Forestdale. It is at the corner of Paradise Road and Johnson Road. In 2018 some courses will be conducted in the first campus mentioned above.

FACULTIES AND DEPARTMENTS OF THE INSTITUTE

The academic work of the institute is organised into two faculties, and departments, namely:

FACULTY OF BUDDHIST AND RELATED STUDIES

Department (1)

Department of Buddhist Studies

Head of department: Vacant

Research Programs:

These are being organised. Some of the issues under consideration are listed here.

- 1 Listing and summarising 5 discourses in the Sutta Pitaka elaborating on the eight strands in the Noble Eight-Fold Path (8 Programs are possible)
- 2 Listing and summarising 5 discourses in the Sutta Pitaka elaborating on the Four Noble Truths(4 Programs are possible)
- 3 Comparison of skilful actions and meritorious actions with reference to one discourse in the Sutta Pitaka (a few programs are possible)
- 4 Comparison of 2 D models of the mind in regard to their educational value

Director of Research: Vacant

Reseachers: Vacant

Courses:

Course number SIB 002-Diploma Course in Buddhist Psychology (Abhidhamma)

70 study units, 48 hours of class time

12 months duration

Assessment by seminars and/or open book written examination

Reference books:

Abhidhammattha Sanghaha by Bhadanta Anuruddha, translated by Venerable Narada Maha Thero, Set of 5 books published by the Colombo YMBA for Dhamma Schools, Buddhist Psychology by Rahubadde Sarath-Chandra,

Lecturers in 2017:

Rupa and Planes- Venerable N. Sudhamma

Mental States, Senses and Citta Vithi-- Mr. Tanuja Yasanga Sarath-Chandra

Citta and all other units-Mr. Rahubadde Sarath-Chandra

Department (2)

Department of Education, Buddhist Chaplaincy, Philosophy and Psychology

Head of department:- Dr. Barbara Sullivan

Courses:

Course number SIB 001: Qualifying Course in Buddhist Chaplaincy

24 study units, 24 hours of class time or contact time, 12 assignments plus special units to cover mental ailments, or as amended in the new curriculum

12 months duration or less depending on curriculum and teaching method

Text book:

Buddhist Chaplaincy by Rahubadde Sarath-Chandra,

Reference books:

Buddhist Psychology the building blocks by Rahubadde Sarath-Chandra,

The Buddha's Technique and Practice of Counselling as depicted in the Pali Canon by Jenny Quek

Buddhist Psychotherapy by H.S.S.Nissanka

Lecturers in 2017:

Dr. Barbara Sullivan

Joyce Davies

Mr. Rahubadde Sarath-Chandra,

Mr. Tanuja Yasanga Sarath-Chandra,

Course number SIB 003: Mental States for Buddhist Chaplains

(Conducted by Rahubadde and Tanuja Sarath-Chandra every year from 2011 to 2017)

Course number SIB 004: Mental Ailments for Buddhist Chaplains

(Conducted by Venerable Dr. Pannasobhana once in 2017)

Course number SIB 005: Teaching Meditation for Buddhist Chaplains

20 study units, 20 hours of class time or contact time

2 months duration or less depending on curriculum and teaching method

Reference books:

Mindfulness Practice by Venerable Gunaratana, Meditation Centre, Virginia, USA

POSSIBLE FUTURE COURSES

- 1 Pali Primary Course (12 months)
- 2 Buddha Dhamma Diploma (12 months)
- 3 Skills for Buddhist Youth
- 4 Mahayana and Theravada general conference (half day)
- 5 Conference on teaching Meditation to Children (half day)
- 6 Specialised Secondary Courses in Chaplaincy (e.g. in Community Chaplaincy)

FACULTY OF SECULAR AND SUPPORTIVE STUDIES

Department (1)

Department of Law and Ethics

Head of department:- Vacant

EACH FACULTY OR DEPARTMENT MAY HAVE ITS OWN RESEARCH, EDUCATION AND TRAINING PROGRAMS

Each faculty or department will have its own programs of research, education and training. However, one faculty may seek the participation of another in conducting certain types of courses involving cross or composite disciplines.

Each faculty may have its own academic personnel but they can be deputed to participate in programs of other faculties.

Each faculty may define the subjects it deals with and the courses it wishes to conduct.

Each faculty may communicate with related organisations in other institutes, colleges or universities as necessary.

RANGE OF SUBJECTS

The broad range of subjects envisaged by the institute is likely to include the following.

History of Buddhism

Schools of Buddhism

Buddhist philosophy and comparative philosophy

Buddhist psychology and comparative psychology

Buddhist chaplaincy and counselling

Buddhist psycho-therapy

Ancient languages (Pali, Sanskrit)

Education

Development planning (applicable to temples)

Social science

Management, marketing and accountancy

Research methodology

Buddhist Ethics

Law

Information Technology

Communications

DONATIONS

The institute will operate more as a charity than as a commercial venture. Hence donations both small and large will be deeply appreciated. Donations from students are encouraged.

Donations of land and houses will also be appreciated.

At this time donations are not tax deductible.

COURSE FEES AND SCHOLASHIPS

Course fees will be decided on a case by case basis. Where course fees are charged the institute will attempt to provide scholarships to the needy.

Students are encouraged to make donations to cover course fees.

CERTIFICATES

Satisfactory completion of a course can be confirmed by the institute with the award of a certificate. Certificates can be awarded at a public convocation as was done in 2016 and 2017. In 2016 a Minister of the Queensland State government (Honorable Leeanne Enoch) and a Councillor from Brisbane (Councillor Charles Strunk) gave away the certificates.

QUALIFICATIONS AWARDED IN CONNECTION WITH COURSES

- 1 Diploma in Buddhist Chaplaincy
- 2 Diploma in Buddha Dhamma
- 3 Diploma in Buddhist Psychology
- 4 Certificate in Buddhist Chaplaincy Qualifying Course
- 5 Certificate in Mental States for Buddhist Chaplains
- 6 Certificate in Mental Ailments for Buddhist Chaplains
- 7 Certificate in Teaching Meditation for Buddhist Chaplains
- 8 Certificate in Teaching Dhamma to Children
- 9 Certificate in Skills for Buddhist Youth

(1,2, 5, 7, 8 and 9 have not been awarded to date)

EMPLOYMENT AND ENGAGEMENT PROSPECTS

The certificates issued by the institute may help participants in securing employment but the institute is not in a position to guarantee such acceptance. In social responsibilities such as voluntary services our certificates may be of help.

Programs run by SIB are not approved as Registered Training programs. SIB is not an approved Registered Training Organisation.

ENQUIRIES REGARDING COURSES

Please email the following for information on enrolling for courses that are currently available or about courses that are coming up shortly.

Academic Registrar

Siddhartha Institute of Buddhism

Email address

infoqsa@gmail.com

The QSA website also used by SIB and the Buddhist Chaplaincy Service is

www.sanghaqld.org

For the Siddhartha Institute of Buddhism please enter the above website, and click on the 'Services' menu and then click on Educational Services. Documents relating to SIB are listed at the end.

PRESENT ACADEMIC STAFF

Names of academic staff are given in course information packs for each course presented and can be amended as needs arise.

PRESENT EXECUTIVE STAFF

Full time Volunteer Executive Co-ordinator:

Mr. Rahubadde K. de Silva Sarath-Chandra

B.Sc., B.A., LL.B.,

Fellow member of the Chartered Institute of Management Accountants (U.K.),
Certified Practising Accountant (CPA Australia),
Advocate of the Supreme Court of Sri Lanka.

Part time volunteer Registrar:

Mrs. Cynthia Gunawardana

B.Sc. (Hon)- Civil Engineering

MIE Aust. (Member of the Institute of Engineers, Australia)

Chartered Professional Engineer (Structural College)

RPEQ (Registered Professional Engineer, Queensland)

NPER (National Professional Engineers Register)

Alternate Registrars:

Mrs. Anne Chathuri de Silva

B.App.Sc (med Rad)

Grad Dip HR

Company Director

Mr. Tanuja Yasanga Sarath-Chandra

B.Eng., M.E.Sc., M.I.T.

PRESENT MEMBERS OF THE SENATE

(Including academic council and executive council)

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| 1 | Venerable Dr. U. Kitsayana | Chairperson |
| 2 | Venerable Bhikkhu C.Chanhorm | |
| 3 | Venerable Bhikkhu S. Sugathasara | |
| 4 | Venerable U. Sunanda | |
| 5 | Venerable N. Sudhamma | |
| 6 | Venerable Wu Chin Shi | |
| 7 | Venerable Wu Hsing Shi | |

- 8 Professor Tian Po Oei (wishes to retire in 2017)
- 9 Associate Professor Dr. Anne Nguyen
- 10 Mr. Ruwan Wathukarage (not contactable at this time)
- 11 Mr. Rahubadde Sarath-Chandra
- 12 Mrs. Cynthia Gunawardana
- 13 Mr. Tanuja Y. Sarath-Chandra
- 14 Mrs. Anne Chathuri de Silva
- 15 Dr. Barbara Sullivan from 2017

Secretary

[The end of the general prospectus- November 2017 of the Siddhartha Institute of Buddhism]