

SIDDHARTHA INSTITUTE OF BUDDHISM

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

PROSPECTUS

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This is the second edition of the prospectus. 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 house holders 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 to students to integrate knowledge in general with happy living and reaching out to attaining Nibbana with confidence and conviction.
- 6 Promote a deep understanding of the mind to ensure contentment within and peace and harmony in global society.

MISSION AND VISION

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

Our vision is that proper education and training can enable a person to tried 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 Academic Council shall be responsible for the proper functioning of research, education and training faculties. The executive council shall remain responsible for operational aspects of academic work.

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 in Ellen Grove, Forestdale, and Goodna. Campuses will be announced as and when each course is floated.

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

Researchers: Vacant

Courses:

Course number 002-Diploma course in Abhidhamma

70 study units, 48 hours of class time

12 months duration

Assessment by 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:

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

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

Rupa - Venerable Bhikshuni N. Sudhamma

Department (2)

Department of Education, Buddhist Chaplaincy, Philosophy and Psychology

Head of department: - Vacant

Courses:

Course number 001: Parts 1 and 2 Certificate in Buddhist Chaplaincy

48 study units, 48 hours of class time or contact time, 12 assignments

12 months duration or less

Reference books:

Buddhist Chaplaincy by Rahubadde Sarath-Chandra,

Lecturers:

Mr. Rahubadde Sarath-Chandra supported by Mr. Tanuja Yasanga Sarath-Chandra

FACULTY OF SECULAR AND SUPPORTIVE STUDIES

Department (1)

Department of Law and Ethics

Head of department: - Vacant

EACH FACULTY OR DEPARTMENT MAY HAVE ITS 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 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

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 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.

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.

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 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.

PRESENT EXECUTIVE STAFF

Full time Volunteer 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)

PRESENT MEMBERS OF THE SENATE

(Including academic council and executive council)

- 1 Venerable Dr. U. Kitsayana
- 2 Venerable Bhikkhu C.Chanhorm
- 3 Venerable Bhikkhu S. Sugathasara
- 4 Venerable U. Sunanda
- 5 Venerable Bhikkhuni N. Sudhamma
- 6 Venerable Wu Chin Shi
- 7 Venerable Wu Hsing Shi
- 8 Dr. Tian Po Oei
- 9 Dr. Anne Nguyen
- 10 Mr. Ruwan Wathukarage
- 11 Mr. Rahubadde Sarath-Chandra
- 12 Mrs. Cynthia Gunawardana
- 13 Mr. Tanuja Y. Sarath-Chandra
- 14 Mrs. Anne Chathuri de Silva

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