UTR1.49 - THE NATALIA DAVIES PRIZE

Background

A. In 1951, Miss Amylis I Laffer gave £400 the University to perpetuate the memory of Miss Natalia Davies, who was for more than twenty years a teacher of outstanding merit in the Education Department of South Australia.

B. Natalia Davies was educated at Adelaide High School and at the University of Adelaide where she obtained the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1930 and The Diploma in Education in 1940. Miss Davies was a brilliant scholar in history, of which she had a wide and profound knowledge. She was particularly interested in the British Empire and Commonwealth and she was the authoress of a number of radio plays on historical subjects that were broadcast in South Australia.

C. Miss Davies was one of the founders of the Women Teachers’ Guild and for many years was a member of executive committee of the National Council of Women. It was, perhaps in the realm of civil defence that Miss Davies gave her greatest public service. In 1933, she founded here the Defence Society, the first organisation in Australia to be interested in air-raid precautions. Later, with Lady Bective, she was largely responsible for establishing the SA division of the Women’s Air Training Corps of which she was deputy commandant and later, chairman of the executive committee.

Name of the fund

1. The capital sum, all income arising from the capital sum and any accumulations and additions thereto together form a fund called ‘The Natalia Davies Prize’ (‘fund’).

Investment of the fund

2. The fund is to be amalgamated for the purposes of investment, and held in a common fund, and the net income earned by the common fund shall be credited, rateably, to the funds so amalgamated and thereafter distributed according to the trusts specified by the donor.

Obligations

3. In administering the fund, the University must adhere to the terms specified and is obliged:

   (a) to invest the capital sum according to the directions of the donors; and

   (b) to establish a prize in the manner described in the following Rules.

Rules

1. There shall be an annual prize called ‘The Natalia Davies Prize’.

2. The prize shall a book voucher to the value of $100, unless determined otherwise by the Faculty.

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3. The prize shall be awarded to the candidate who shall be deemed by the examiners to be the most meritorious student in first-year history, provided that the candidate has not previously completed a year's course of study or work at a university.

4. If, in any particular year, the examiners deem that two or more candidates are of equal merit, the prize shall be divided equally amongst the candidates.

5. If, in any particular year, the examiners consider that no candidate is suitable for the prize, then no award shall be made.

6. These rules may be altered from time to time by the Faculty, but the title and purpose of the prize shall not be altered.

Prize rules last approved in 1982