A. In 1953, a committee of former students, friends and colleagues of the late Professor Rowland Cuthbert Robin, M.E., who served the University from 1930 until his death in 1951, donated £603 to the University to establish a lecture in his memory.

B. The Committee requested that the lecture be open to the public; that it shall be on some topic associated with the general theme of ‘Engineering and the Community’ and that it be given by an eminent engineer or other public figure, by invitation.

C. The University accepted the donation upon the trusts specified by the donor and the donation therefore became the capital subject to those trusts (‘capital sum’).

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 Robin Memorial Lecture’ (‘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 wishes of 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 donor; and

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

Rules

1. A lecture to be known as “The Robin Memorial Lecture” will be given annually or as income permits by the School of Civil, Environmental and Mining Engineering.

2. The lecture will be a public lecture and will be given on the general theme of ‘Engineering and the Community’.

3. The Head of the School of Civil, Environmental and Mining Engineering or nominee will invite an eminent engineer or other public figure to give the lecture.

4. The annual income arising from the fund, shall accumulate during the intervals between lectures. The income shall be used to pay for the expenses associated with the giving of the lecture.

5. Admission to the lectures shall be free to the public.

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6. The University may vary the rules from time to time in a manner consistent with the University’s legal obligations and policies.

Rules approved by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor and Vice-President (Academic) 3 November 2016

Lectures

1983  “Technological Temerity and the Engineer”, by Professor J O C Crisp
1981  “Engineers and the Community: Some Lessons from the Past and Thoughts for the Future”, by R A Buchanan M
1973  “The Engineer and Development-Domestic and Overseas”, by Professor A N Sherbourne
1966  “The Next Fifty Years in Engineering”, by D M Myers
1961  “The Future of Civil Engineering”, by J A L Matheson
1956  “Water and the Community”, by W H R Nimmo