UTR2.142 - THE REG SPRIGG ABORIGINAL EDUCATION ASSISTANCE FUND

Background –

A. In 1988, the University of Adelaide resolved to establish an Aboriginal Education Assistance Fund from funds raised from the sale, some years earlier, of a gift of shares in Nickel Mines of Australia. Dr R. C. Sprigg, A.O., of Arkaroola, (‘donor’) a graduate of the University and former director of the company, had initiated the original gift and had expressed the hope that the funds from the gift might be applied to areas related to geology, mining or Aborigines. A portion of the fund has been applied to support the work of the Department of Geology and Geophysics; the remainder being a capital sum of $150,000 is to be used to assist Aboriginal education.

B. In 1937 Reg Sprigg began studying at the University of Adelaide under the tutelage of renowned geologists and Antarctic explorers Sir Douglas Mawson and Cecil T. Madigan. He completed his Bachelor of Science degree in Zoology and an Honours degree in Geology in 1941.

C. Written by best-selling author Kristin Weidenbach the book ‘Rock Star: the story of Reg Sprigg – an outback legend’ tells a fascinating and inspiring story of this visionary South Australian.

D. Reg Sprigg helped to set up South Australian oil and gas company ‘Santos’; he discovered the Great Cooper Basin oil and gas fields; founded ‘Beach Petroleum’ (now Beach Energy); and pioneered exploration in the Simpson Desert and the Gulf St Vincent. He was also the first person to drive across the Simpson Desert.

E. The University accepted the gift upon the trusts specified by the donor and the gift 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 Reg Sprigg Aboriginal Education Assistance Fund’ (‘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 donor(s); and
(b) to establish a scholarship in the manner described in the following Rules.

Rules

4. The Reg Sprigg Aboriginal Education Assistance Fund is administered according to the following Rules:-

(1) The fund shall be known as ‘The Reg Sprigg Aboriginal Education Assistance Fund’.

(2) Income from the fund shall be available for use for any purpose associated with Aboriginal education including the assistance with the purchase of textbooks and equipment, scholarship support and teaching assistance for Aboriginal students in the University.

(3) Allocation of income from the fund shall be determined by an ad hoc committee. The committee shall normally comprise the Executive Member for Research & Scholarships, a member of the aboriginal community and the Academic Registrar or nominee.

(4) The committee shall report annually to the Executive Committee.

(5) These rules may be varied by the Council from time to time.

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Completion of Program

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<th>Eligibility:</th>
<th>The student must complete the program after a first time enrolment to be eligible for recommendation by the Academic Coordinator based on academic merit.</th>
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<td>Enrolled in:</td>
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- UPP Foundation  
- CASM Foundation  
- CASM Advanced Certificate  
- CASM Associate Diploma |
Allocation: UPP Foundation
- Up to 2 students each to receive $500

CASM Foundation
- Up to 2 students each to receive $500

CASM Advanced Certificate
- Up to 2 students each to receive $500

CASM Associate Diploma
- Up to 2 students each to receive $500

Total of awards = $4,000 annually.

Highest Achiever Award

Eligibility: The award is made at the end of the year to the highest achiever in the program. The student must complete the program to be eligible for recommendation of the Academic Coordinator.

Enrolled in:
- UPP Foundation
- CASM Foundation
- CASM Advanced Certificate
- CASM Associate Diploma

Award:
- UPP Foundation 1 student to receive $500
- CASM Foundation 1 student to receive $500
- CASM Advanced Certificate 1 student to receive $500
- CASM Associate Diploma 1 student to receive $500

Total of awards = $2,000 annually.

2 Student Assistance Fund

Eligibility: All Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander students with a current enrolment at the University of Adelaide.

1. Demonstrated financial need.
2. Has completed at least one year of their program.
3. Demonstrated satisfactory academic progress.
4. The payment is required to support the continuation of their study or graduation from a program. Support may be given for the following reasons:
   - Conference attendance specifically related to the program of study
   - Travel and/or accommodation to attend a compulsory placement
   - Printing and binding of a thesis
- Research related costs
- Assistance with additional expenses related to study including the purchase of textbooks and equipment, scholarship support and teaching assistance

There will be two rounds of funding being applications **close mid-May and mid-September of each year.**

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<th>Amount Payable:</th>
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<td>Allocation:</td>
<td>Allocation of income from the fund shall be determined by an ad hoc committee as follows:</td>
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<td>Director, Wirru Yarlu – Aboriginal Education or nominee (Convenor)</td>
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<td>Student Support Officer, Wirru Yarlu – Aboriginal Education</td>
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<td>Reporting:</td>
<td>An annual report will be provided to the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic)</td>
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**NOTE:**
The Reg Sprigg Aboriginal Assistance Education Fund Committee reserves the right to adjust the award in special circumstances, subject to the availability of funds.