UTR2.74 - MCLEOD VISITING PROFESSOR FUND

Background –

A. In November 1970 it was reported to the Postgraduate Committee of University of Adelaide that an anonymous donor had arranged to pay the sum of $5,000 annually to the Adelaide Postgraduate Foundation. This was to be used in the first instance to finance visits by orthopaedic specialists, and subsequently by specialists in related fields.

B. The donation was due to the efforts of Mr W J Betts on behalf of the Australian Orthopaedic Association. It was agreed that a committee of 3 be formed to control its distribution, namely a representative of the State Branch of the Australian Orthopaedic Association, a representative of the Postgraduate Committee and Mr W J Betts (Minutes of Meeting held on 18 November 1970).

C. Initially the donor indicated that he would make an annual donation of $5,000 from January 1970 through to 1979.

D. In 1977 the anonymous donor was identified as Murdoch Stanley McLeod, founder of M S McLeod Ltd. Since then the visiting professor has been identified as the McLeod Visiting Professor.

E. Another condition imposed initially by the donor was that the visitor should come from North America or Europe. This condition was still stated in an announcement in 1983 in the notices of the Association of Commonwealth Universities in 1983. It has not appeared there since.

F. The initial condition of limiting the appointment to orthopaedic surgeons was changed by Mr M S McLeod in 1972 after the visit of the first professor – Professor A G Aplay, to include subjects such as heart surgery, cancer treatment, leukaemia therapy and treatment of asthma.

G. After the death of Mr McLeod in 1977, the annual donations were maintained by M S McLeod Ltd. However in 1989, a contribution of $70,000 was made from the Estate of the Late Mr McLeod and annual donations were discontinued. This money was given in trust to the Medical Foundation of the University of Adelaide which administers the fund, the M S McLeod Endowment Fund.

H. The original Committee of three which was responsible for the selection of the visiting professor was replaced (probably in 1973) by the Medical Education Committee of the Postgraduate Committee (now the Medical Education Advisory Council of the South Australian Postgraduate Medical Education Association (SAPMEA)).

I. 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’).

* Citation at the admission of Mr M S McLeod as Honorary Life Governor of Australian Postgraduate Federation in Medicine - 1977.
Purpose

The purpose of the donation, as defined at the time of the initial arrangements in 1969 was:-

1. To bring out an orthopaedic surgeon or para orthopaedic surgeon to work with Adelaide orthopaedic surgeons and associates for one month each year.*
2. To conduct concentrated seminars with this professor for one week during his term of visit to which some prominent interstate surgeons would be invited – fares paid.*

Objective

To provide for the visit to South Australia of a prominent person from any discipline in medicine or medical sciences, as the McLeod Visiting Professor.

Terms of Reference

1. The appointee shall have a proven reputation for excellence as an undergraduate and postgraduate teacher and communicator.
2. Generally nominations shall be for persons from overseas, but nominations from persons resident in Australia may be accepted.
3. The appointees shall spend three calendar weeks (15 working days) in South Australia.
4. The appointee will be expected to visit all teaching hospitals in South Australia, and other appropriate institutions and to make both formal presentations and to have informal discussions with interested persons.
5. The appointee may be expected to visit country areas for discussions with rural practitioners.
6. The appointment generally will be made annually, providing suitable nominations are received.

Conditions

1. Only the income of the monies in the Fund shall be used.
2. Economy airfares shall be paid for the visiting professor and not his or her partner.
3. Accommodation will be provided by one of the Teaching Hospitals.
4. Limited out of pocket expenses will be provided.

Appointment

1. Nominations may be made by any individual and organisation.
2. Nominations must be accompanied by a detailed curriculum vitae and shall be addressed to the Executive Director of SAPMEA.
3. Nominations will be considered by the Medical Education Advisory Council of SAPMEA, which will, if thought appropriate, make a recommendation for an appointment to the Board of Management of SAPMEA.
4. The Board shall appoint the Visiting Professor and request the Medical Foundation of the University of Adelaide to issue an invitation to the Professor.

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Administration

1. All arrangements for the Visiting Professor’s program shall be made by the Executive Director and the Medical Director of SAPMEA in consultation with the proposer of the appointee.
2. Arrangements for overseas and local transport, accommodation and payment of out of pocket expenses shall be the responsibility of SAPMEA.
3. At the conclusion of the visit, SAPMEA will submit to the Medical Foundation of the University of Adelaide an income and expenditure statement.

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