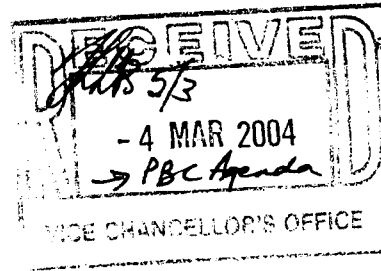


Professor Stuart Macintyre
Dean of the Faculty of Arts



APPENDIX 2



THE UNIVERSITY OF
MELBOURNE

March 3, 2004

MEMORANDUM

TO: Professor Kwong Lee Dow (Vice Chancellor and Chair of Planning and Budget Committee)
Ms Jan Mariani, Secretary, PBC
Ms Maureen O'Keefe, General Manager, Vice-Chancellor's Office

FROM: Professor Stuart Macintyre, Dean, Faculty of Arts

RE: Proposal to Establish a Research Chair in the School of Social Work

Please find attached a proposal from the Head of the School of Social Work to establish a Chair of Child and Family Welfare in the School of Social Work.

As you are aware, Associate Professor Dorothy Scott has negotiated with the Trustees of the Alfred Felton Bequest for support for this Chair in collaboration with the Children's Welfare Association of Victoria.

The Trustees of the Felton Bequest would hope the Chair can be named in honour of Alfred Felton; we suggest the title should be the Alfred Felton Chair in Child and Family Welfare.

If the search process does not find a suitable appointment, we would request that the funds be utilised in establishing a Unit within the School of Social Work to be called The Alfred Felton Centre for Child Welfare which would include a research position dedicated to research in child and family welfare.

The Chair would greatly strengthen the research capacity of the School and make a valuable contribution to assisting vulnerable children and families in the community.

Stuart Macintyre

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on Agenda of
next meeting of
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Professor Stuart Macintyre
Dean, Faculty of Arts

February 12, 2004

Dear Stuart,

Re: Proposal for a Named Chair in Child and Family Welfare

Further to our discussion on February 5, I have summarized the background to the proposed Chair in Child and Family Welfare as follows for the purpose of seeking approval by the Planning and Budget Committee and Academic Board.

In our August 2003 discussion regarding my appointment as Head of the School of Social Work I was encouraged to pursue the idea of securing philanthropic support for the creation of a five year research only Chair in Child and Family Welfare in collaboration with the peak body of child welfare NGOs, the Children's Welfare Association of Victoria.

The Trustees of the Alfred Felton Bequest were responsive to the idea and with supporting letters from Professor Arie Freiberg and Professor Kwong Lee Dow, the Executive Director of the Children's Welfare Association of Victoria and I made a presentation to the Trustees in November. They were particularly receptive to the prospect of the School of Social Work collaborating closely with child welfare NGOs to enable the translation of research into policy and practice. The Trustees indicated an interest in making a grant to the University of \$750,000 over five years with the intention of creating a named Chair as a major initiative to mark the 100th anniversary of the Alfred Felton Bequest.

On January 27 Sir Gus Nossal, the Chair of the Trustees of the Alfred Felton Bequest, and I met with Professor Kwong Lee Dow. Sir Gus expressed the hope that the University might see fit to name the chair in honour of Alfred Felton and if an appointment could not be made at professorial level that a promising earlier career researcher might be appointed and the grant acknowledged in another way (for example, the Alfred Felton Child Welfare Research Unit). Sir Gus also indicated that support beyond five years might well be possible but that it was beyond the financial capacity of the Trust at this stage to make a commitment greater than \$750,000.

I do hope this proposal might be favourably considered by Planning and Budget Committee and if approved, gain the support of Academic Board and University Council. The Alfred Felton Bequest is one of Australia's oldest and most respected philanthropic trusts and a Chair so named would enhance the standing and influence of the position. It may also encourage other trusts and foundations to support the creation of Research Fellowships to undertake research under the leadership of a new Chair.

I think there are very good prospects of filling such a position at Professorial level if an international search is undertaken. Such an appointment would greatly strengthen the research capacity of the School of Social Work and make a valuable contribution to assisting some of the most vulnerable children and families in our community.

Yours sincerely,

Associate Professor Dorothy Scott, OAM
Head of School