UTR6.422 – THE ANTONIO SAGONA SCHOLARSHIP

Background

1. The University of Melbourne received from Dr Claudia Sagona, members and friends of the Sagona family, University staff and the Melbourne Humanities Foundation a sum of $117,855 pursuant to an Appeal to establish in perpetuity The Antonio Sagona Scholarship (Fund).

2. The purpose of the Fund is to support in perpetuity one or more scholarships in the Faculty of Arts (or successor) at the University for graduate students of Near Eastern archaeology to support the cost of overseas travel as part of their research (Stated Purpose).

3. If at any time the University determines that it is impossible or impracticable to carry out the Stated Purpose then the University may apply the Fund for such purpose or purposes as the University determines most closely accords to the Stated Purpose (Alternate Purpose).

4. Emeritus Professor Antonio (Tony) Sagona AM (1956–2016) was born in Libya in 1956 and emigrated to Australia as a small boy with his family, who settled in Williamstown. From an early age he was fascinated by the ancient world, a passion that would eventually lead him to the history department of the University of Melbourne as an undergraduate in 1974. There, his potential was recognised and his talent fostered by the man who would become his great mentor and role model, the brilliant William (Bill) Culican. After Culican’s sudden and premature death in 1984, Tony took over his classes, and so launched a teaching career that would span more than three decades. He quickly moved through the ranks of senior lecturer and associate professor to become full professor in 2006, and finally emeritus professor in 2017. Over three decades, he conducted archaeological excavations in Turkey and Georgia. Tony was elected a Fellow of the Society of Antiquaries (London) in 2004 and of the Australian Academy of the Humanities in 2005. In 2013, he was made a member of the Order of Australia.

5. As at 15 March 2019 the University had received from donors via the Appeal a sum of $117,855 (Donations) and further sums may be donated from time to time.

6. The University Trust Record is the means by which the University records –

   a) the trusts upon which the University holds trust property, including the capital sum; and

   b) the administrative arrangements for the implementation and ongoing performance of those trusts from time to time.

The trust terms and administrative arrangements governing the Fund are as follows.
Trust terms

1. A Trust will be established for the Purpose and the University will be the trustee of that Trust.

2. The University must invest and preserve the Fund and any additions thereto and apply only net income arising from the Fund for the Purpose.

3. Any unexpended income in any year may be:
   a) Retained as income in which case it will be available in any subsequent year to be applied for the Purpose; or
   b) Added to the capital sum represented by the Fund, in which case that unexpended income will be forever regarded as capital and will therefore be preserved in the same manner as the capital sum represented by the Fund.

4. Further donations may be made to the Fund including donations by bequest.

Administrative arrangements

In order to implement the trust terms, the University has determined that:

1. The Fund and any further donations received by the University are to be transferred to the University’s long-term investment common fund at the end of the quarter following receipt by the University and remain there until Council otherwise directs.

2. The Dean of the Faculty of Arts, or the Dean’s nominated representative, is authorised by the University to award each Scholarship on behalf of the University.

3. The said Dean may establish an advisory committee to make recommendations in respect to the Scholarship. If established, the advisory committee should consist of:
   a) An academic with expertise in Near Eastern archaeology (or their nominee) at the University of Melbourne
   b) An academic responsible for the delivery of archaeology (or their nominee) at the University of Melbourne
   c) One person nominated by the Dean of the Faculty

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