UTR 6.112 – ELEANOR EDNA NORRIS BEQUEST FUND

Background

A. Eleanor Edna Norris late of 23 Turnbull Avenue Toorak, architect, who died on 12 May 1955, bequeathed certain specific legacies and a general legacy, and subject thereto devised and bequeathed all her real and the residue of her personal estate upon the following terms; namely-

"… to the Council of the university of Melbourne upon trust to […] devote the same towards defraying the building costs of a new School of Architecture for the University of Melbourne, desiring the University contributes a substantial amount of the project, the name "Nell Norris" to be associated with the building and in the event of such a building not being commenced within five years of the date of Probate being granted of this my will the accumulated funds shall be devoted to the provision of scholarships for Architecture students, the aiding of needy architectural students or the carrying out of architectural research should there at any time be any income unexpended after making provision as aforesaid I wish the same to be so applied as to enable the School of Architecture to assist needy students to encourage research, to grant special prizes or otherwise to promote the study of architecture as may from time to time seem best to the Council of the University . . .

B. Probate of the will was granted on 16 June 1955.

C. In the five years that elapsed subsequent to the grant of probate the building of a new school of Architecture was not commenced.

D. The University now wishes to implement the alternative provisions of the will.

E. The University received the sum of £43,275 under the residuary devise and bequest, which sum increased to $667,197 in capital as at 30 April 2019 and income of $102,605.

F. This University trust record is the means by which the University records:

(1) the trusts specified by the donors upon which the University as trustee holds trust property including the capital sum; and

(2) the administrative arrangements for the implementation and ongoing performance of those trusts, as determined by the University, from time to time.

Trust Terms

1. The sum of $667,197 and any additions or accumulations to the sum forms a fund called the 'Eleanor Edna Norris Bequest' ('the fund') and the fund must be invested in such of the above mentioned investments as Council from time to time directs.

2. The net income of the fund is to be expended for the purposes of “the provision of scholarships for Architecture students, the aiding of needy architectural students or the carrying out of architectural research".
3. If at anytime there is any unexpended income then it should be applied “to assist needy students to encourage research, to grant special prizes or otherwise promote the study of architecture as may from time to time seem best to the Council”.

**Administrative Terms**

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

4. The Faculty of Architecture, Building and Planning (Faculty) will offer:
   (a) Five scholarships each year to students as follows:
      (i) One for students in the each of the three years of the Bachelor of Design course who has a declared major in Architecture;
      (ii) One for students in each of the two years of the Master of Architecture course,
      Each of the scholarships will be awarded based on all-round academic merit and will be known as the ‘Nell Norris Scholarship’;
   (b) One fellowship to a student enrolled in a postgraduate degree in architecture or architectural research, to be known as the ‘Nell Norris Fellowship’;

5. The Dean of the Faculty will determine the value and terms of the fellowships and the scholarships.

6. The Dean of the Faculty is authorised to award the scholarships and fellowships on behalf of the University

[Recital E, ss.2(1)(a)(i), (ii) and (1)(b) am., s. 2(1)(c) subst., ss. 3 and 4 revoked 2/7/01, Recital E and s.1 am., s.2(1) subst., s. 2(2) renumbered 2(3) and am., s. 2(2) made 4/10/04; revoked as a Regulation and certified as a University trust record 26/5/10; am Background A, E, F, ss. 2-6 07/01/2020]