UTR 6.428 – Len Tierney Social Work Travelling Award

Background

A. The University of Melbourne (University) received the sum of $418,170.51 (Bequest) from Leonard James Tierney (Donor) pursuant to the Will of the Donor dated 21 February 1991.

B. Upon receipt of the Bequest and in accordance with the terms of the Will (modified as permitted by the Will and with the consent of the executors) the University determined to establish the Len Tierney Social Work Travelling Award (Fund).

C. The Fund will support in perpetuity one or more scholarships in the Faculty of Medicine Dentistry and Health Sciences (or successor faculty supporting the study of social work at the University) to be known as the Len Tierney Social Work Travelling Award for a student or students enrolled in and having demonstrated excellence in the Master of Social Work (or successor) program at the University. The scholarship is to support the cost of attendance at Columbia University School of Social Work for the study of direct practice, or, at the option of the University of Melbourne, such other University school department or program of social work of comparable standing. It is a preference that in making the award, the University take into consideration the encouragement of gender diversity in the social work field. (Purpose)

D. Dr Leonard James Tierney OAM (1925 – 1996) was a leader in the development of social work education and professional practice at the University of Melbourne from 1961 until his retirement in 1990. In 1976 he was awarded Honorary Life Memberships of both the Australian Association of Social Workers (AASW) and Australian Social Welfare Union (ASWU) in recognition of his outstanding services to the social work profession.

Throughout his distinguished career Dr Tierney formed strong affiliations with several leading United States postgraduate schools of social work and, especially, the Columbia University School of Social Work where in 1954 he was conferred with an MSc (Social Work) and subsequently in 1976 a DSW (Doctor of Social Welfare) for his ground-breaking work on excluded families. Dr Tierney’s sons, Nathan and Richard, also completed PhDs (in Philosophy) at Columbia.

Dr Tierney’s initial overseas studies were partly funded through a postgraduate bursary then provided by Columbia University. Through his estate he wished to provide similar opportunities to outstanding candidates to further their understanding of emerging international trends and perspectives in social work practice and education.

The Len Tierney Social Work Travelling Award was established in memory of Dr Tierney’s son Mark Julian Tierney, who died in infancy in 1964.
E. This University Trust Record is the means by which the University records –

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

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

The trust terms and administrative arrangements in respect to the Fund are as follows;

**Trust terms**

1. A perpetual trust was established for the Purpose on receipt by the University of the Bequest and the University is the trustee of that trust.

2. The University must invest and preserve the Bequest and any accumulations and additions to the Bequest and apply only the net income arising from the Fund to support the Purpose.

**Administrative arrangements**

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

1. The Bequest and any further donations or bequests 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 Medicine Dentistry and Health Sciences or its successor is authorised to authorise expenditure from the Fund on behalf of the University.

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