Oscar Mendelsohn Lecture Fund Regulations

Made by the Monash University Council

1. The expression 'the fund' shall mean 'The Oscar Mendelsohn Lecture Fund' created with the sum of eight thousand dollars ($8000) given to the university by Mr Oscar Adolf Mendelsohn (in these regulations called 'the donor') to be held and applied by the university in accordance with these regulations which have been approved by the donor as prescribing the terms and conditions for the administration and application of the fund.

2. The capital of the fund shall be invested in such manner and upon such investments, whether or not authorised by law for the investment of trust funds, as the Council shall from time to time think proper and the income of the fund, subject to section 5, shall be applied in perpetuity for the purpose of the presentation of a free public lecture or short series of lectures in the university not less frequently than once in every three years. The title of the lectures shall be 'The Oscar Mendelsohn Lectures' and their object shall be to promote the study of humanism, materialism, positivism, and other effects of the application of the scientific attitude to human affairs and thought generally, it being the donor's wish that each lecture shall be given by a person of distinction who will approach the subject in a scholarly way, but who need not necessarily be a graduate.

3. There shall be a committee of the Faculty Board of the Faculty of Arts consisting of not less than three nor more than five members appointed from time to time by that board and including at least one member whose special field is one of the social sciences and at least one member whose field is philosophy.

4. Subject to these regulations, the functions of the committee shall be;

4.1 to select and invite a person to give the lecture from time to time in accordance with these regulations;

4.2 to determine the nature and amount of the honorarium, if any, to be given to the lecturer and the expenses, whether for travel or accommodation or both, to be paid to or on behalf of the lecturer;

4.3 to incur such further or other expenditure and to make such arrangements as may be necessary to publicise and conduct the lecture and, if the committee thinks fit, to publish the text of the lecture.

5. The income of the fund shall be made available by the Council to the committee to be applied by it for the purpose of these regulations provided however that the Council may from time to time, at its own discretion or on the recommendation of the committee accumulate any part or parts of the income of the fund, may add such accumulations to the capital and may subsequently apply the whole or any part of such accumulations as income.
6. The Council may from time to time amend or remake these regulations provided that it is satisfied that the fund and the income thereof shall continue to be held and applied in accordance with the purpose specified by the donor and set out in section 2.