

TRIBUTE TO DICK FEHNEL

It is a privilege to pay tribute to Dr Dick Fehnel, who I met when he was the Ford Foundation representative in South Africa.

Dick was an astute observer of and commentator on South African higher education, frequently posing challenging questions about the trajectory of higher education development in South Africa.

He facilitated generous Ford Foundation support to the Council on Higher Education. Indeed, the first grant to the CHE in 1999 was unsolicited, motivated by Dick as a means to support the CHE to develop a number of project funding proposals at a time when the National Treasury grant to the CHE was sorely inadequate.

Thereafter, through the good office of Dick the CHE received a number of substantial grants to establish various activities including its monitoring and evaluation and quality assurance programmes.

On behalf of Rhodes University my thanks to Dick for his contribution to the development of South African higher education and also my condolences to his family and friends.

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