MINUTES
Emeritus Faculty
The Australian National University

Minutes of the second meeting held on 1 March 2000 at 4.00 pm in the Fellows Room, University House

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Present: Rafe de Crespigny, Bob Gollan, John Molony, Maev O'Collins, Giles Pickford, Beryl Rawson, Peter Stewart, Gerard Ward.

Apologies: Heinz Arndt, Allan Barton, Frank Gibson, Anthony Low, Isabel McBryde.

1. Report

The report of the first meeting was confirmed subject to the correct spelling of Maev O'Collins' and Anthony Low's names. It was also agreed that titles should be omitted in future.

2. Business Arising from the Minutes

3. Convocation

Rafe de Crespigny reported that he had held discussions with Diane Whitehead, the acting Alumni Officer in the Public Affairs Division about the possibility of the Emeritus Faculty being a Chapter within the Alumni Association. There was no specific procedure for forming and registering a Chapter, but graduates of the Law Faculty, for example, had formed one and the details were displayed on the ANU Web Site. It was agreed that Rafe De Crespigny should write to the Public Affairs Division formally advising of the formation of the Emeritus Faculty and requesting that it be recognised as a Chapter of the Alumni Association.

4. Name

There was further discussion about the name of the group. John Molony explained the origins of the word 'emeritus' in its relationship to our group. Beryl Rawson gave its classical derivation which seemed entirely appropriate to the new body. It was agreed to stay with the name.

5. Statement of Aims

The meeting discussed Beryl Rawson's draft statement of aims. The attached statement was adopted.

6. Membership

It was agreed that Membership, as defined in the minutes of the first meeting, should be formalised by setting an annual fee of $75 of which $60 would be allocated to the contributor's membership of University House with $15 being retained to cover other costs. In this way the partnership between the Emeritus Faculty and University House would be satisfactorily maintained. The question of the current discounted House membership fee of $30 for retired staff may need to be revisited by the group.

7. Provisional Committee

The meeting agreed that the membership of the Provisional Committee of the Emeritus Faculty would be determined at the next meeting.

8. Formation

On a motion moved by Rafe de Crespigny and seconded by Beryl Rawson, the Group unanimously resolved to establish itself as the Emeritus Faculty of the Australian National University and to seek recognition from the University of its formation.

9. University Recognition

Anthony Low was asked by the meeting to inform the Vice-Chancellor of these actions and to seek the assistance of the University in the following matters:

- The creation of a site within the ANU Web Site in which the Faculty could publish its aims and objects, membership list, annual publications list, research activities and social activities.
- The allocation of a page or two in the Annual Report of the University.
- The establishment of a series of briefings for interested members which would help them to be better ambassadors for the University. Initially such briefings might focus on: The Library; The ANU Art Collection; The projected building and grounds program; search programs for the new Vice-Chancellor and other senior posts as they occur; the national and international student recruitment program; the University's industrial relations policy; the role of the AVCC; and other topics that arise from time to time.

10. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be at 4.00 pm in the Fellows' Room, University House, at a date to be decided.

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