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Minutes of the fourth meeting of the Committee for the Emeritus Faculty held on 12 April 2000 at 4.00 pm in the Fellows Room, University House

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Present: John Molony (Chair), Beryl Rawson (Deputy Chair), Rafe de Crespigny (Treasurer), Anthony Low, Bob Gollan, Colin Plowman, Peter Stewart, David Hambly, Giles Pickford (Secretary).

1. Apologies: Allan Barton, Maev O'Collins, Gerard Ward. The Chair welcomed Colin Plowman to his first meeting of the Committee.

2. Minutes
The minutes of the third meeting were confirmed.

3. Business Arising from the Minutes

3.1 Publicity
The Committee discussed the publicity generated by University House's 'Members Notes' and noted that a number of useful memberships had been generated so far through this medium. These included Eric Fry, Gwen Woodruff, Frank Fenner, Bernhard Neumann, and Jane Flecknoe among others.

The Committee also looked at the Secretary's releases to 'The National Graduate' and 'ANU Reporter'. Some changes were adopted and it was agreed that the Secretary should approach 'ANU Reporter' and suggest that the main angle to the story ought to be the Chancellor's launch function (described below) and that an interview with the Chair would be useful.

3.2 Launch Function
Rafe De Crespigny reported that he had contacted the Chancellor's Office at UNSW and the most likely date for the Chancellor to launch the Emeritus

Faculty would be Thursday 8 June at 5 pm. He was authorised to finalise this date with the Chancellor.

The Committee agreed that the event would be promoted in all the usual ways by the Secretary and that it would be billed as an "Address by the Chancellor on 'The Future of Universities in General and the ANU in Particular' sponsored by the Emeritus Faculty".

Colin Plowman agreed to assist with contacting potential members who were no longer at ANU and therefore may not be aware of coming events.

3.3 Annual Dinner

No date was set for this event, but it was agreed that it should be held on a Wednesday so that it coincided with House Dinner.

3.4 Lecture Series

The Committee looked at the draft list of lectures and decided to adopt an outward looking approach at this stage of the Faculty's development. Therefore the proposed talks by senior officers of the ANU were put aside in favour of the talks by the ANU Librarian, the Executive Directors of the AVCC and the IDP, Ben Selinger and Mike Gore, the Hon. John Button and Mike Sargent. The Chair agreed that he would implement this program, assisted by the Treasurer and Secretary, acting as a Lecture Series Sub-Committee.

3.5 Summer Schools

The Chair reported on a discussion with Ian McCalman about the Summer School for Humanities Teachers for which support of the HRC was likely.

The Committee appointed the following as a sub-committee to develop both summer schools concepts: John Molony, Peter Stewart, Beryl Rawson and (subject to his availability) Maurie Weidemann.

3.6. Honorary Fellows

This question was deferred to a later date.

4. Other Business

The Committee had a broad ranging discussion about (i) how we could discover if other institutions had inaugurated concepts similar to the Emeritus Faculty and (ii) how the various components listed in the Aims could be brought to the attention of the University implemented in collaboration with it.

It was agreed that Colin Plowman would conduct a literature search on (i) and that in relation to (ii) the Chair would seek an interview with the Dean of the

Graduate School in the first instance, with the aim of seeking further consultations with Directors and Deans at a later stage.

5. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 10 May at 4.00 pm in the Fellows' Room, University House.

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