MINUTES
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Minutes of the tenth meeting of the Committee of the Emeritus Faculty held on Wednesday 22 November 2000 at 4.00 pm in the Club Room, Cellar Bar, University House.

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PRESENT:
Beryl Rawson, Chair, Rafe De Crespigny, Colin Plowman, Gerard Ward, Peter Stewart, Giles Pickford.

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Allan Barton, Anthony Low, John Molony, David Hambly

2. Minutes

The minutes of the Ninth Meeting were confirmed.

3. Business Arising from the Minutes

3.1 Membership

The Chair opened discussion on the idea of altering the Draft Constitution to allow for a category of Associate Membership to cover those people who have a long association with the University, but who were not former staff members. The Committee decided that it would not adopt this idea as it did not fit into any of the five criteria previously agreed to, but it agreed that non-members can be invited to attend events.

3.2 Draft Constitution

The Chair reported that David Hambly had said that he approved of the Constitution being sent out to the members in its present state, and that any comments he needed to make would be made at the AGM in the light of discussion at the time.

3.3 Notice of AGM

The Committee noted that the AGM Notice and the call for nominations to the Committee had been distributed by the Returning Officer, Rafe De Crespigny, to all members by post on 5 November. He reported that he had received nominations from four members:

Peter Stewart
Jill Waterhouse
Russell Doust
Giles Pickford

The nominations and consents of the following members were received and accepted by the Returning Officer:

Beryl Rawson
Colin Plowman.
John Molony

The Chair agreed to contact the following members and invite them to nominate:

Jane Flecknoe
Gavin Byrne
J. Stewart Turner.

The Committee resolved that, subject to consent being obtained from the last three members named above, that all names would be declared elected at the AGM and that the Chair should call for additional names from the floor to make up the twelve members of the Committee for 2001.

(NOTE: Since the meeting the consent to nomination of Gavin Byrne and J Stewart Turner has been obtained. Jane Flecknoe has declined nomination because of lack of mobility).

The Committee agreed that the Secretary should send an e-mail reminder out to members saying that there would be an open ended discussion at the AGM about all projects that the Emeritus Faculty could initiate, including some ideas expressed by Jill Waterhouse about the ANU's 'Entrance Project' and closer collaboration with the wider ACT cultural community; ideas expressed by Rafe De Crespigny about Orientation Week; ideas expressed by Giles Pickford about the Emeritus Faculty Web Page for which space has been created by the ANU; ideas about how to improve the Lecture Series in 2001; and finally the question of

the Scarth Room Dinner for the new Vice-Chancellor Professor Ian Chubb in February 2001.

The reminder notice should also indicate that refreshments would be served before the meeting and members would be encouraged to stay on after the meeting at House Dinner.

Finally the Committee agreed that the invitation to attend the AGM should be extended to include staff who may be retiring during 2001. Some names were tabled.

3.4 Summer Schools

No further action to report.

3.6 Lecture Series

(i) "Reaching Out" - Mike Gore: Wednesday 11 October. The Committee agreed that this talk had been excellent, but that the attendance of 30 was the lowest of all this year, which was disappointing.

(ii) Scarth Room Dinner for Professor Chubb. For discussion at the AGM.

(iii) "Libraries Now" - Colin Steele. Booked for a date in March 2001.

4. Treasurer's Report

Rafe De Crespigny tabled the accounts for 2000. The committee appointed Peter Scardoni to audit the accounts by 5 December, for publication at the AGM on the following day.

5 Next Meeting

The Committee agreed that the new Committee should discuss the meeting schedule for 2001.

GP 23/11/00