# Minutes
# Emeritus Faculty
### The Australian National University

Minutes of a meeting of the Committee of the Emeritus Faculty held on Wednesday 7 February 2001 at 4.00 pm in the Matisse Room, Cellar Bar, University House.

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## 1. Apologies and Condolences

Apologies were received from Russell Doust, Gavin Byrne, Peter Stewart and Bari Saha.

The Chair on behalf of the Committee gave condolences to Jill Waterhouse on the death of her father. He also asked the Secretary to convey the Committee's condolences to Peter Scardoni on the death of his wife.

## 2. Minutes

The minutes of the Eleventh Meeting were confirmed.

## 2A. CCE

The Committee discussed the exchange of correspondence concerning the CCE approach to EF Members circulated just before Christmas. It agreed that while it had no objection to the membership mailing list being circulated to units within the ANU, it would not agree to the list being given to outside bodies without first being check by the full Committee.

## 3. Business Arising from the Minutes

## 3.1 Membership

The Committee discussed aspects of the membership arrangements, including the fee (set at $10 by the AGM) and its collection, the nexus with the University House fee and related matters. The Committee agreed that the nexus with University House should change from being compulsory, to being strongly recommended to members, and that the fees should be collected by the Secretary in the near future. Before doing so the Secretary is to check the questions of GST and ABN with Peter Scardoni, who is assisting the Treasurer.

**5. Summer Schools**

Colin Plowman informed the Committee that he was of the view that the Summer School for Science Teachers, whilst being most desirable as national in scope, was being impeded by the cost question. He said that he had had informal discussions with the Chief Minister of the ACT about the School being conducted on a regional basis and the idea had been enthusiastically received.

In the absence of Peter Stewart, the Committee authorise Colin Plowman to continue his investigations into the modified concept of the Science Summer School for Science Teachers in collaboration with Peter Stewart on his return.

**6. Lunch Meeting with VC**

This event will be held on Friday 16 March 2001 at University House, probably in the Fellows Room at 12.30 pm. The Secretary is arranging for a $30 lunch, the cost of which must be met by the participants other than the Vice-Chancellor. The Committee made various changes to the attached submission to the Vice-Chancellor, including a reduction of the numbers originally suggested.

A copy of the revised submission is attached to the minutes and Members are urged to send any suggestions about changes to the Secretary as soon as possible.

**7. Lecture Series**

(a) The first meeting for 2001 will be on Wednesday 14 February, in the Hall, University House, at 5:00 pm

HAVE LIBRARIES A FUTURE IN THE INTERNET ERA?

Colin Steele will explore the challenges of information provision for the 21st Century, from how students now access information to the issues facing research collections in the Australian environment. Colin has been University Librarian at ANU since 1980 and finds that the worlds of science fiction (he is a reviewer for the Canberra Times) and libraries are increasingly merging !

(b) March – Adrian Gibbs "The Great Influenza Pandemic of 1918" - date and time to be announced.

(c) Other topics for discussion. Colin Hughes on elections, Ken Ingliss on the ABC, Sir William Dean, Gough Whitlam, Malcolm Fraser, Paul Kelly, Professor Ogareff, Barry Ninham.

The Secretary was requested to implement the Ogareff Lecture immediately and to book Hughes, Ingliss and Ninham for the months immediately ahead.

**3.5 Web Site**

In the absence of Gavin Byrne, this matter was deferred.

**4. Treasurer's Report**

The account with the Credit Union of Canberra has been opened and the Chair Deputy Chair, Treasurer and Secretary all signed the necessary authorities as signatories to the account.

**5. Other Business**

(a) The Treasurer suggested that the Secretary should check with Rachel Vance in the Legal Office whether the Emeritus Faculty's name was protected.

(b) Jill Waterhouse gave notice of the 2nd Manning Clark Lecture which is being held on 26 March at Manning Clark House. It was agreed that the Emeritus Faculty should be named as a sponsor provided that the ANU, also a sponsor, had no objections.

**6. Next Meeting**

The meeting schedule for 2001 is as follows: 4.00 pm in the Matisse Room, Cellar Bar on the following dates. Please put these dates in your diary now.

7 March
4 April
2 May
7 June
4 July
1 August
5 September
3 October
7 November
28 November
5 December AGM.

*GP 8/2/01*

**ATTACHMENT**

Dear Professor Chubb

*ANU Emeritus Faculty – Lunch Friday 16 March 2001*

The purpose of this submission is to inform you of the composition, aims and programs of the ANU Emeritus Faculty and to seek your support in our negotiations with management over some assistance that will make our work easier if granted.

Broadly, the Emeritus Faculty seeks to provide its members with the ability to maintain contact with the ANU and continue to be productive. Our members are still publishing. We are still involved in research programs and supervision of Higher Degree candidates. Some of us are active in the ANU Endowment for Excellence. All of us are active, capable people who can make a difference, and is of great assistance to the intellectual life of the ANU. We also can assist in the ANU's outreach programs.

A literature search revealed that we are unique amongst the world's universities, with the possible exception of Yale, which has an organisation with some similarities.

## 1. Membership

We have sixty members and rising, which is pleasing because we have not yet had a serious recruitment campaign. The recruitment campaign will begin when our web site is ready and when we know what membership benefits we can offer. Some of these benefits, such as library borrowing rights, ANU e-mail addresses, etc. can only be granted by the ANU itself.

A copy of the membership register is attached along with the member admission guidelines**. (Attachment 1)**

## 2. Constitution

The first Annual General Meeting of the ANU Emeritus Faculty was held last December. It adopted a constitution. Item 6 of the AGM Minutes contains various ideas expressed by the members on how to interact with the ANU and assist its outreach programs. The Minutes of the AGM are attached **(Attachment 2)**, a copy of the Constitution is also attached **(Attachment 3).**

## 3. Program

### 3.1 Summer Schools

Very early in its life the Emeritus Faculty decided to endeavour to resurrect the ANU Summer School for Science Teachers and to initiate a Summer School for Teachers of the Humanities.

A copy of our submission to the ANU on the former is attached. **(Attachment 4)**

We would seek your support for re-opening discussions on the summer schools concept, as there may be other ways of achieving what is clearly a positive contribution to the ANU's outreach programs for teachers.

### 3.2 Lectures Series

The Emeritus Faculty aims to organise a Lecture by one of its members, or by distinguished people in public life, at least once a month. A copy of last year's program is attached. (Attachment 5)

The ANU Public Affairs Division has assisted in promoting these lectures in the past to an audience which is beyond our reach. We hope that this excellent cooperation will continue.

### 3.3 Web Site

The ANU has kindly offered the Emeritus Faculty space on its web pages. We are in the process of initiating this project and hope to have it finished by mid year. The site will be interactive and will enable the members to contact each other easily. It will contain a database of all the members' skills and interests and will enable ANU staff to search the database for people who may be able to assist in ANU programs.

In this regard it should be noted that we have agreed with the NTEU that we will not seek to replace the activities and expertise of current staff in any way.

## 4. Our Place within the ANU

The ANU Emeritus Faculty has a strategic alliance with University House. The House assists us with our social functions and in many other ways and members are strongly encouraged to take out House membership.

Accommodation is currently provided courtesy of the Secretary. The Association for Tertiary Education Management Inc, of which he is one of the contractors on Secretariat, has an ongoing rental contract with University House.

We wish to discuss with you how we can affiliate with the ANU in such a way that the usual insurances are afforded us, as they are with other active and productive units within the ANU.

## 5. Conclusion

The ANU Emeritus Faculty warmly welcomes you to the ANU and we look forward to lunching with you on Friday 16 March 2001 at 12.30 pm, in the Fellows Room, University House.

Members who have been invited to attend this function are:

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| John Molony | Chair |
| Jill Waterhouse | Deputy Chair |
| Rafe de Crespigny | Treasurer |
| Giles Pickford | Secretary |
| Russell Doust | Membership and Events Officer |
| Anthony Low | Member at Large |
| Frank Fenner | Member at Large |
| Gordon Ada | Member at Large |

With kindest regards

Yours sincerely

John Molony
Chair