Minutes
Emeritus Faculty
The Australian National University

Minutes of the 13th meeting of the Committee of the Emeritus Faculty held on Wednesday 4 April 2001 at 4.00 pm in the Matisse Room, Cellar Bar, University House.

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Present: John Molony (Chair), Gavin Byrne (Web Site Officer), Rafe de Crespigny (Treasurer), Russell Doust (Membership and Events Officer), Colin Plowman, Beryl Rawson, Stewart Turner.

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Giles Pickford and Bari Saha.

2. Minutes

The minutes of the Meeting of 7 March were confirmed, subject to the following amendment:

In 3.1, 'Web Site', instead of 'G. Byrne cannot do it, not being on campus' read 'The site will be most easily maintained by someone on campus who can work closely with the data-base held by the Secretary'.

3. Business Arising from the Minutes

3.1 Lunch with Vice-Chancellor

The Chair reported on the lunch, with additional comments by R. Doust. The lunch was relaxed and informal. The Chair had welcomed the VC and offered the support of the EF. The VC had been positive and supportive, but made clear that he would not welcome disruptive/subversive behaviour. The VC has a national outlook for the ANU, but for the Science Summer School it will be best to begin on a broad regional basis before going national. The project will fall in the area of responsibility of Professor Ric Pashley, the new DVC (Education); the next step is for the Secretary to make contact with the DVC. The VC did not reject the suggestion of University financial support for the School, but no commitment was given. (See also 3.7 on Summer School.)

The VC was receptive to the idea of the University providing facilities for EF members, e.g. Web site, Library card. The VC's outlook for the ANU includes its national role, solving the problems of The Faculties, and fitting the budget to academic priorities.

3.2 Web Site.

Members had been invited to view the draft format on the Web. Committee response was favourable, and a motion to approve the format was carried. Further action required:

- The Secretary to invite members to edit their own details by a set deadline.
- Set up Search engine to link to further details on members (space is restricted on basic site).
- Contact ANU IT staff (David Howse).
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The Committee voted to thank Gavin Byrne for his work.

3.3 Volunteering ACT

This item was deferred until Peter Stewart was present to speak to it.

3.4 Lecture series

Russell Doust spoke. Ken Inglis' lecture had been rescheduled to 9 May. Roland Rich: 23 May or 13 June.

The Chair to follow up Gough Whitlam, Sir William Deane, Ben Selinger. Russell Doust to approach Barry Smith.

3.5 Membership Sub Committee

Beryl Rawson spoke to the Sub Committee's report which had been circulated. The Committee voted to approve full membership for John Riddell.

The Committee noted an application foreshadowed in Elizabeth Murphy's letter: it would welcome a formal application.

3.6 ID Cards

The Committee saw merit in Elizabeth Murphy's suggestion about ID cards and asked that the Secretary follow it up.

3.7 Science Summer School

Colin Plowman reported. The VC's approval was needed for the project to proceed. Then planning should be discussed with the DVC (Education).

The Committee voted to set up a Sub Committee for carriage of the Science Summer School project (Plowman, Stewart, Molony, Pickford) which would report to the Committee from time to time on progress.

3.8 University Gateway

Beryl Rawson reported on the interests which she and Jill Waterhouse had in this project. Peter Scardoni had attended a meeting of the Planning Committee on behalf of the Chair, and would now take steps for Beryl Rawson and Jill Waterhouse to be involved on behalf of the Emeritus Faculty.

4. Treasurer's Report

Tabled by Treasurer. Treasurer to follow up query about sum owing to University House for the VC lunch.

5. 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.

May 2,
June 6,
July 4,
August 1,
September 5,
October 3,
November 7,
November 28,
December 5 AGM.

Stewart Turner gave apologies for missing the May and June meetings.

The meeting closed at 4.55 pm.

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