Minutes
Emeritus Faculty
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Minutes of the 14th meeting of the Committee of the Emeritus Faculty held on Wednesday 2 May 2001 at 4.00 pm in the Matisse Room, Cellar Bar, University House.

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1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Stewart Turner, Bari Saha and Rafe de Crespigny.

2. Minutes

The minutes of the 13th Meeting were confirmed.

3. Correspondence

Correspondence was tabled from:
Professor Chubb – ANU Society
Russell Parkes - Senior Academy
Ron Wells – University of the 3rd Age
Doug Cocks – Independent Scholars Association of Australia.

It was resolved:
(a) to note with approval that John Molony had been appointed, as an individual, to the Board of the ANU Society;
(b) to write to Rafe de Crespigny concerning the letter from Russell Parkes, agreeing to meet Dr Bruce McPherson when he comes to Australia in order to discuss his ideas concerning a Senior Academy;
(c) to ask Ron Wells to the next meeting to discuss collaborative projects
(d) to reply to Doug Cocks indicating that information about the Independent Scholars Association of Australia would be circulated to members.

4. Business Arising from the Minutes

4.1 Volunteering ACT

Peter Stewart spoke about Volunteering ACT and the possibility of collaborative projects such as the design of sociological investigations and the editing of its Journal. Volunteers of high academic ability are very much in demand in Canberra and the potential for members of the Emeritus Faculty to contribute was good. It also fits with the outreach policy of the ANU which encourages productive engagement with the region.

It was resolved that Peter Stewart should draft a letter for the Chairman's signature, indicating a community of interest and a desire to explore ways of collaborating in constructive projects.

4.2 Web Site

Gavin Byrne reported that details had been circulated to members who had confirmed their contact details. No member had requested not to be included on the web site. The site is now ready for the Secretary to take to ANU Graphics for some creative design work, after which it will be ready to post on the ANU Home Page.

4.3 Science Teachers Summer School

The Committee noted that funding had been approved by the Vice-Chancellor. The Chair reported that he had requested that 25% of places be reserved for teachers from the Canberra Region. Peter Stewart suggested that the Emeritus Faculty's acceptance of Professor Pashley's invitation to proceed with planning for the Summer School be conditional on the budget's acceptability to John Dash, Head of CCE. Through its experience with previous Summer Schools, CCE was best positioned to advise EF on this matter.

It was resolved:

(a) that, conditional on a satisfactory outcome of discussions with CCE, the Chair formally respond to Ric Pashley (Chair, Board of the Faculties) accepting the grant, and requesting a budget code and delegated authority to operate using the allocated funds;

(b) that Peter Stewart and Colin Plowman begin discussions with the CCE concerning the administration of the project and the costs thereof;

(c) that the sub-committee (Plowman, Stewart, Molony, Pickford) report on progress to the next meeting. [Note: it has been suggested that the Committee, at its last meeting, appointed John Dash to this sub committee. The Secretary cannot recall this idea and has decided to leave it be decided by the Committee at its next meeting. The Secretary's only comment is that if the appointment was agreed to, then paragraph (b) above does not make sense.]

4.4 Humanities Summer School

The Chair reported on his discussions with the HRC about the Summer School for Humanities Teachers and his ideas about broadening the focus from Australian History to the Humanities more generally.

4.5 University Gateway Project

The Committee noted that through the good offices of Peter Scardoni (who acted during the Secretary's absence) Jill Waterhouse and Beryl Rawson had been appointed to the University Gateway Project. The group managing the project involves people from the ANU and ACT Governments.

4.6 Lecture Series

Russell Doust reported on the following lectures in the ANUEF Series.

(a) Ken Inglis – 9 May Lecture on the ABC

(b) Roland Rich – 20 June Lecture on Democracy

(a) Future Speakers: Ben Selinger for July, with Barry Smith and Annabel Bennett later in the year.

5. Treasurer's Report

In the absence of the Treasurer, the Secretary tabled the membership database showing financial and unfinancial members. The Committee noted that there were 71 members of whom 22 were unfinancial. It was agreed that members would not be deleted from the membership list unless they asked the Secretary to do so, and that members' attention to payment of fees should be included in the second edition of ANUEF News.

6. Other Business

The Secretary reported on progress with negotiating benefits for members, as follows:

(a) ANUEF activities will be reported in the ANU Annual Report (Public Affairs Division)
(b) Members can be given an anu.edu address if they want one (Public Affairs Division)
(c) A request for members to have the right to apply and pay for an annual parking sticker is being discussed (Facilities and Services Division)
(d) A request for Library borrowing rights needs further negotiation.

It was resolved that the Secretary be congratulated for having got thus far and that Russell Doust visit Sue Kosse to negotiate further over Library borrowing right for members.

There was also some inconclusive discussion about ways in which the Emeritus Faculty might help the ANU Endowment for Excellence.

7 Next Meeting

The meeting schedule for 2001 is as follows: 4.00 pm in the Matisse Room, Cellar Bar on the following dates –

6 June
4 July
1 August
5 September
3 October
7 November
28 November
5 December Annual General Meeting.

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