Minutes
Emeritus Faculty
The Australian National University

Minutes of a meeting of the Committee of the Emeritus Faculty held on Wednesday 6 June 2001 at 4.00 pm in the Matisse Room, Cellar Bar, University House.

Present: John Molony, Gavin Byrne, Russell Doust, Beryl Rawson, Peter Stewart, Jill Waterhouse.

1. Apologies

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

2. Item 4.1 of the agenda was taken next.

Ron Wells of the University of the Third Age was welcomed and invited to speak to his suggestion of closer cooperation between ANUEF and the U3A. Possibilities lay in jointly sponsored talks, a venue on ANU campus, coordination of dates for lectures and functions, access to speakers, mention of U3A activities in EF newsletter. The Committee responded positively, and it was agreed that the Committee would discuss the matter further with a view to making a report on this and other projects to the AGM, to seek responses from the membership. Ron Wells agreed to put in writing the main proposals he had made to the Committee.

3. Minutes

The minutes of the Meeting of 2 May 2001 were confirmed, subject to the following amendments:

Item 4.3 Science Teachers Summer School.
Replace first paragraph with the following:
'Copy of a memo from Professor Pashley [Chair, BTF] to the Vice Chancellor recommending funding of an Emeritus Faculty coordinated National Science Teachers Summer School, with expenditure up to $55,000, was tabled. A copy of the draft budget submitted by Emeritus Faculty to Professor Pashley was attached to the memo. The proposal was approved by the Vice Chancellor.
The Committee welcomed the positive response from Chancelry for its national summer school proposal. However, it was noted that the draft budget carried an important caveat: that responsibility for the administrative management of the Summer School be accepted by the Centre for Continuing Education. Stewart and Plowman agreed to discuss the matter with John Dash, Manager of the CCE. Should his agreement for the CCE's involvement within the parameters of the draft budget be forthcoming, then the Committee should decide at its next meeting [June] whether formally to accept the implied invitation of the Vice Chancellor and Professor Pashley to proceed with the Summer School in January 2002.'

Item 4.3 Add new (c): 'It was agreed that John Dash be invited to become a member of the sub-committee'. (c) becomes (d), with addition of name of John Dash.

Item 6. Replace last sentence with: 'The Secretary reported on an overture from B. Yvanovich of the ANU Endowment for Excellence about a role for EF members in raising funds. It was agreed that the EF Newsletter might draw members' attention to the existence of the Endowment, and that Mr Yvanovich be informed that the Committee thought this a more appropriate form of support.'

4. Correspondence.

In the absence of the Secretary, the Chair tabled the following:
Outgoing, to Volunteering ACT.
Incoming, from Ben Selinger (membership and lecture date);
from Elizabeth Murphy (Regional Australia Partnership: Peter Stewart to draft positive reply for Chair);
from Russell Parkes, of the Senior Academy (agreed that John Molony, Giles Pickford and Rafe de Crespigny meet with Russell Parkes on his visit to Canberra);
from Secretary, report on financial status of members;
from sub-committee on membership (Champness' application approved);
from Secretary, draft questionnaire for EF database (Russell Doust to circulate to Committee).

During discussion, two suggestions were approved:
(i) Chris Bryant be coopted as member of Committee;
(ii) Correspondence and papers for discussion be precirculated (e-mail) where appropriate, or be tabled for perusal before Committee convenes.

5. Business Arising from the Minutes

5.3 Web Site.

No further progress to report. (Gavin Byrne has subsequently established from the Secretary the substantial progress made with obtaining free design help from ANU Public Affairs, and the Secretary has e-mailed the Committee with details.)

5.4 Summer School.

Peter Stewart reported. He would keep record of sub-committee proceedings and keep Committee informed. The Chair to write to Chair of BTF (Ric Pashley) to formalise arrangements.

5.5 University Gateway Project

Jill Waterhouse tabled a report on a meeting attended by herself and Beryl Rawson, where the ACT Cultural Planner chaired a consultants' presentation to an ANU committee. It was agreed that
- Jill Waterhouse will circulate the report to members of the Committee not present;

- Beryl Rawson will write to Cultural Planner, reporting supportive interest of the ANUEF Committee in the design of the project, and willingness to consider sponsoring one element of it.

5.6 Lecture series

The Committee noted details reported by Russell Doust. Beryl Rawson had written to Annabelle Bennett.

5.7 Library Borrowing Rights

Russell Doust reported on his meeting with Sue Kosse, and the problems in granting a card and access to electronic databases to those who are not ANU affiliates. It was agreed to defer the matter until there was clear evidence of demand from members.

6. Treasurer's Report

The Chair tabled the report on behalf of the Treasurer. The query about costs of the lunch with the VC had been dealt with. There is a balance of $729. It was agreed to receive the report.

7. Next Meeting

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

July 4 (Secretary apologises, in NZ)
August 1 (Secretary apologises, in Geelong)
September 5
October 3
November 7
November 28
December 5 AGM

The meeting closed at 5.50 pm.

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