Minutes
Emeritus Faculty
The Australian National University

Minutes of the 16th meeting of the Committee of the Emeritus Faculty held on Wednesday 4 July 2001 at 4.00 pm in the Matisse Room, Cellar Bar, University House.

Present: Chris Bryant, Gavin Byrne, Russell Doust (in the Chair), Colin Plowman, Beryl Rawson, Peter Stewart, Stewart Turner.

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from John Molony, Giles Pickford, Rafe de Crespigny, Bari Saha, Jill Waterhouse.

2. Minutes

The minutes of the Meeting of 6 June 2001 were confirmed (Rawson/Turner).

3. Correspondence.

No correspondence was reported.

4. Business Arising from the Minutes

4.1 Senior Academy

Colin Plowman reported on the meeting which he and John Molony attended with Bruce McPherson and Leonie Gordon of Harvard (both graduates of the ANU). The Committee noted the success of the Senior Academy over 15 years and its links with Harvard. No action required at present, but long-term prospects for similar success of Emeritus Faculty here were noted. Colin Plowman will forward some new documentation to the EF.

4.2 Volunteering ACT

Peter Stewart reported that Volunteering ACT had received John Molony's letter and would respond soon.

4.3 Web Site

Nothing further to report. Gavin Byrne will discuss next step with Giles Pickford.

4.4 Summer School for Science Teachers

Peter Stewart tabled the first report from the Management Committee and spoke to it.
John Molony has written to Ric Pashley to arrange transfer of funds and authorise the CCE to be the financial agent for the project.
Approaches are being made to obtain speakers (on an honorary basis).
Announcements for the School should be in the name of the ANU, but the EF should be listed ahead of the CCE as having the prime responsibility to the ANU for this project.

The budget (version 2) provides for 'Directors' fees' to reimburse the two chief organisers for inevitable expenses. The reduced allocation for travel is expected still to provide substantial assistance to teachers by using more economical fare schemes. The administrative costs did not provide for salaries, which would be absorbed by the CCE.
Chris Bryant suggested the inclusion of a Science Communication stream on the program: he would obtain details for the consideration of the Management Committee.
Peter Stewart will continue to provide reports to the EF.
The Committee expressed its appreciation for the work already done.

4.5 Humanities Summer School
Beryl Rawson reported that she understood that John Molony was exploring possibilities.

4.6 University Gateway Project
No further meetings had been held.

4.7 Lecture series
The Committee noted details reported by Russell Doust. Beryl Rawson reported that Annabelle Bennett was overseas but a response was promised after her return in mid-July.
Other speakers suggested were Sue Seargentson, Bob Douglas, Barry Ninham. John Molony will be asked to write with invitations.
In the absence of the Secretary, Beryl Rawson will contact NCEPH and JCSMR with details of Barry Smith's lecture.

4.8 Library Borrowing Rights
No further action required at present.

5. Treasurer's Report
In the absence of the Treasurer, there was no report.

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

August 14 (a Tuesday, in place of Aug. 1)
September 5
October 3
November 7
November 28
December 5 AGM

7. Other business
Colin Plowman discussed with Stewart Turner ways of including Earth Sciences in the Science Summer School program.

The meeting closed at 5.15 pm.

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