Minutes
Emeritus Faculty
The Australian National University

Minutes of the 18th meeting of the Committee of the Emeritus Faculty held on Wednesday 5 September 2001 at 4.00 pm in the Matisse Room, Cellar Bar, University House.

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PRESENT: John Molony (Chair), Jill Waterhouse (Deputy Chair), Rafe de Crespigny (Treasurer), Peter Scardoni (Treasurer Elect), Giles Pickford (Secretary), Russell Doust (Events Officer), Beryl Rawson, Peter Stewart, Colin Plowman.

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Stewart Turner, Gavin Byrne, Bari Saha and Chris Bryant.

2. Minutes

The minutes of the 17th Meeting were confirmed subject to the date of the meeting being added to the first paragraph.

3. Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

4. Business Arising from the Minutes

4.1 The Future Funding of Both Summer Schools

Peter Stewart suggested that it was time to start planning on how future summer schools would be funded, focussing on the need to diversify funding sources to include Federal and State bureaucracies, industry and commerce.

It was resolved that Peter Stewart and Peter Scardoni be delegated to look into this idea and report back. John Molony agreed to collaborate with them in this exercise.

4.2 Summer School for Science Teachers

Peter Stewart and Colin Plowman reported that organisation of the summer school was proceeding smoothly. There was an abundance of volunteer presenters from both the Faculties and the Research Schools. Accommodation has been secured and final stages of negotiation had been reached concerning air fares. A grant of $55,000 had arrived at the CCE and it should be adequate for the school's needs.

The school had been widely promoted to science teachers through ASTA and on the web. It would shortly be advertised, together with the history teacher's summer school, in the *Weekend Australian*. Funding for the advertisement had been sourced to the corporate advertising budget of Public Affairs Division. The question of whether the two schools should be advertised together or separately remains open as far as next year's program is concerned.

The Committee resolved to congratulate Peter Stewart, Colin Plowman and Maurie Weidemann on their achievements. It also expressed grave concern for Maurie, who had gone missing near Braidwood, and hoped that he would soon be found.

4.3 Summer School for Australian History Teachers

The Chair reported that the summer school was progressing satisfactorily. Speakers were being approached and the program had been finalised. A grant of $28,000 had arrived at the HRC, which had added $5,000 to the budget from its own funds. The HRC had approached the ANU for supplementary funding to allow for some travel assistance for people beyond the region. The Committee noted these developments with pleasure.

4.4 Senior Academy

There were no new developments to discuss.

4.5 Web Site – www.anu.edu.au/emeritus

In Gavin Byrne's absence, Giles Pickford reported that stage one of the development of the web site was complete, the members had been informed of this in ANUEF News No 4, a copy of which is attached to the minutes.

The second stage involved adding the data gathered by the questionnaire to all members. These are to be added so that a member's interests and recent publications are shown when their names are clicked on the screen. This is a big data entry job which the Secretary will undertake in the coming summer.

Shortly Gavin Byrne and Giles Pickford will be trained by IT Services to up-date the site.

4.6 University Gateway Project

Jill Waterhouse reported that Susan Conroy, the ACT Cultural Planner, had resigned and that the Gateway project was being managed by the consultancy group. Consultation between the group and the ANU appeared to have lapsed. Jill agreed to endeavour to resuscitate the consultative process between the group, the University Architect and the ANUEF.

4.7 Lecture Series

Russell Doust reported that the lecture series was progressing well.

(a) 15 August – Ben Selinger – well attended and well delivered
(b) 12 September – Annabelle Bennett 'A Pro Chancellor's view of the ANU'. In progress. Beryl Rawson agreed to Chair the session. The Pro Chancellor is not staying on for dinner.
(c) 17 October - Wendy Brazil 'Was this done well? Whither Alexandria?' In progress.
(d) 21 November - Ian Grigg 'The Endowment for Excellence'. In progress.

5 Parking Permits for Members

Giles Pickford reported that the last of the member's benefits had been negotiated. Members who did not already have parking permits, would be eligible for one-day scratchies, which permit them to park anywhere in the ANU for $2 a day.

6 Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer tabled the accounts to date. The Secretary had sent out a reminder to late payers.

The Committee noted the accounts and resolved that the Chair invite member Allan Barton to be the ANUEF Auditor for 2000.

At the suggestion of the Treasurer, it was agreed that Peter Scardoni becomes the Treasurer with effect from the close of business; and that he should review our banking arrangements to see if the cheque handling fee could be reduced down from $5 per transaction.

The Chair, on behalf of all members, thanked Rafe de Crespigny for all his work as Treasurer since the inception of the ANUEF in February 2000. The smooth beginnings of the ANUEF were largely the work of the Treasurer, who had shown generous support for the project in its early days, and had continued that strong support to the present. The Committee wholeheartedly endorsed these sentiments.

7 AGM Arrangements

The Secretary reported that Mount Stromlo had suggested that the ANUEF might hold its AGM on the Mountain. A poll of members was being conducted, and although it is early days the trend of the vote was for University House by three to one. The matter is to be listed for the next meeting.

8 Next Meeting

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

October 3
November 7
November 28
December 5 AGM

GP 6/9/01

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WEB SITE

Gavin Byrne, our web site officer, is proud to announce that the ANU Emeritus Faculty is now up on the ANU web pages in the section headed 'Faculties, Schools and Centres'. Hit the link www.anu.edu.au/emeritus to see for yourself. However, the site will have many more features added to it soon.

The results of the questionnaire will be collated into the site and will pop up when a person clicks on your name. Your current interests and publications will appear on the screen. Furthermore a search engine will be added so that the ANU and outside enquirers will be able to find what they are looking for easily. For those who have chosen not to return the questionnaire, there will be no link.

With the site nearly complete we are ready now to begin our membership drive. Would you please assist us in this matter? Look up the membership list on the site and see if there are eligible people that you know who should be on it, but who are not. Send the above URL to these people and let them know that they can apply for membership. The membership criteria and application form is a downloadable document in the site.

SUMMER SCHOOLS

The ANU has provided funding to the ANUEF to run the Summer School for Science Teachers, congratulations to our members Peter Stewart, Maurie Weidemann and Colin Plowman on this one. We also have funding for a

Summer School for Teachers of Australian History, a project developed by John Molony and Beryl Rawson with the Humanities Research Centre. Both Schools will be held in the coming summer of 2002. You can find out more by clicking on the following web pages.

www.anu.edu.au/cce/scienceschool
www.anu.edu.au/hrc/historysummerschool

MEMBERS' BENEFITS

We have been working hard on getting benefits for members. So far we have achieved the following. Some of our members already have these benefits under other relationships with the ANU; others have not until now.

1. Library borrowing rights for $50 per annum which is far cheaper than what it costs ordinary members of Convocation.

2. The right to buy packs of one day parking scratchies which entitle you to park anywhere at ANU for $2 a day. Also, the right to apply for free parking for special events such as Conferring of Degrees Ceremonies and other high days. Ordinary members of the public are not entitled to these benefits. They have to park in designated areas and feed the metres.

3. The right to be posted ANU Reporter if you wish.

4. A place in the pages of the ANU Annual Report.

If there are any other benefits that you would like us to pursue, please let us know. The ability to claim these rights necessitates us producing a Membership Card so that you can prove membership. This will take a little longer. In the meantime, if your need is urgent, I can issue you with a letter to give you access to any of the above.

ANUEF LECTURE AND DINNER SERIES

Russell Doust, our Events Officer, has pleasure in announcing the last three in the Lecture and Dinner Series for 2000. They are listed below:

(e) 12 September, 5.30 pm – Annabelle Bennett 'A Pro Chancellor's view of the ANU'
(f) 17 October, 4.45 pm - Wendy Brazil 'Was this done well? Whither Alexandria?'
(g) 21 November, 4.45 pm - Ian Grigg 'The ANU's Endowment for Excellence'

Dinner in the Hall at University House is a good way to meet friends after the Lecture.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – WHERE?

The Annual General Meeting will be held on Wednesday 5 December at 4.45 pm. We have two options for a venue – University House or Mount Stromlo. Can you help us decide? If you have no particular preference do not reply. If you like University House reply and say UH. If you would like to see the new facility for visitors at Mount Stromlo, reply and say MSO.

All the best

Giles Pickford
Secretary
ANU Emeritus Faculty