Minutes
Emeritus Faculty
The Australian National University

Minutes of the 19th meeting of the Committee of the Emeritus Faculty held on Wednesday 3 October 2001 at 4.00 pm in the Matisse Room, Cellar Bar, University House.

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PRESENT: John Molony (Chair), Beryl Rawson, Peter Scardoni, Peter Stewart, Giles Pickford, Colin Plowman, Gavin Byrne.

1. Apologies
Apologies were received from Russell Doust and Stewart Turner.

2. Minutes
The minutes of the 18th Meeting were confirmed subject to the following sentence being added to item 7 "The Committee agreed that if it was finally decided to opt for University House as the venue for the AGM, then the offer to visit Mount Stromlo should be taken up next year for another event, such as a speaker from RSAA being available".

3. Correspondence
(a) The Committee noted a letter from Russell Doust to the effect that next year's events should be held in the Stanner Room. However, because of the difference in size, the Scarth Room is the Committee's preferred choice.
(b) The Committee noted that Professor Allan Barton had accepted its invitation to the ANUEF Auditor.
(c) The Committee noted a letter from Caroline Turner HRC saying that the Vice-Chancellor had topped up the funding for the History Teachers Summer School to equate with the Science Teachers Summer School.
(d) The Committee noted a letter from the Vice-Chancellor responding positively to a suggestion from the Chair that the ANU should become more involved overall in the postgraduate education of teachers.

4. Business Arising from the Minutes

4.1 The Future Funding of Both Summer Schools

The sub-committee of Peter Stewart and Peter Scardoni will report after the close of the 2002 Summer Schools.

4.2 Summer School for Science Teachers

Peter Stewart and Colin Plowman reported that the program was developing well with around three-quarters of the volunteer presenters coming from the Research Schools and the rest from Faculties and retired staff. A problem could arise with the current increases in air fares which might impact on the budget, but at this stage it is too early to gauge the effect.

The Chair suggested that there could be advantages in combining both summer schools for events such as the welcome BBQ, or the opening of the events by the Vice-Chancellor, or the final dinner. Peter Stewart and Colin Plowman spoke against the hybridisation of the Summer Schools, saying that they would have a diluting effect. It was agreed that unless the Vice-Chancellor's wishes were clarified during more detailed consultation, it would be best to leave the Summer Schools as totally separate events.

4.3 Summer School for Australian History Teachers

The Chair reported that the program was nearly complete and the Vice-Chancellor's funding augmentation was most welcome.

4.4 Web Site and the Membership Drive

The Committee noted that, with the completion of stage one of the web site, ANUEF is now ready for a membership recruitment campaign. It was agreed that the most effective way to bring this on would be by personal approaches with the web site being available as back up, and as the way for new applicants to obtain the membership application form. It was agreed to use the AGM for a discussion on the campaign.

4.5 University Gateway Project

Deferred to the next meeting.

4.6 Lecture Series

The Committee noted that the lecture series was progressing well, as follows:

(a) 12 September – Annabelle Bennett 'A Pro Chancellor's view of the ANU' was attended by 12 people and went well. It was the evening of the day of the attack on the World Trade Centre and Pentagon, which might explain the low attendance.

(b) 17 October - Wendy Brazil 'Was this done well? Whither Alexandria?' In progress.

(c) 21 November - Ian Grigg 'The Endowment for Excellence'. In progress.

5 Members' Proof of Identity

The Secretary reported that an e-mailed letter, on ANUEF Letterhead, was being used when requested by individual members as proof of identity for the claiming of members' benefits. The Committee agreed that this method of providing proof of identity was sufficient at this stage.

6 Treasurer's Report

The Committee noted that there is currently over $870 in members funds. The Treasurer's report was adopted. The Committee noted that the review of banking arrangements would be done before the next meeting.

7 AGM Arrangements

The Committee noted that the poll of members reveals that 10 members voted for University House and 3 for Mt Stromlo. It was agreed that the event would be held in University House.

8 Next Meeting

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

November 7
November 28
December 5 AGM

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