Minutes
Emeritus Faculty
The Australian National University

The 21st meeting of the Committee of the Emeritus Faculty was held on Wednesday 28 November 2001 at 4.00 pm in the Matisse Room, Cellar Bar, University House.

PRESENT: John Molony (Chair), Chris Bryant, Gavin Byrne, Russell Doust, Colin Plowman, Beryl Rawson, Peter Scardoni, Stewart Turner.

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Bari Hall, Giles Pickford, Peter Stewart and Jill Waterhouse.

2. Minutes

The minutes of the 21st Meeting were confirmed, subject to correction of the name of Peter Doherty in 4. 1..

3. Correspondence

A message had been circulated from Jill Waterhouse giving progress on the Gateway Project.

4. Returning Officer's Report

The Returning Officer (Dick Johnson) had reported that there were nine nominations for the Committee: Chris Bryant, Gavin Byrne, Stewart Turner, Russell Doust, Peter Scardoni, Giles Pickford, Tony Proust, John Molony, Adrian Gibbs. Beryl Rawson was added to the list at the meeting.

[A nomination was subsequently received from Peter Stewart, who had been unavoidably delayed in getting to the meeting, which will go forward to the AGM.]

The Committee expressed its thanks to Dick Johnson for taking on the role of Returning Officer. It also noted that appreciation would be expressed to Rafe de Crespigny for past services.

5. Business Arising from the Minutes

5.1 Summer School for Science Teachers

Colin Plowman reported that 41 places had been offered (with 5 reserves): the 41 had accepted. There were almost equal numbers of men and women. The project was within budget. The VC would open the Summer School.

Colin Plowman received various views on his question about asking teachers if they would be willing to make a financial contribution to attend a future Summer School.

The Committee congratulated Peter Stewart and Colin Plowman on the work they had done on this important project.

5.2 Summer School for Australian History Teachers

The Chair reported that 33 applications had now been received: 23 teachers and 10 professional officers from national institutions; 10 men and 23 women. There were 11 from the ACT. The project was within budget. The program included local teachers' input.

6 Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer tabled his report, showing 72 members and a credit balance of $699.51 plus $151.30 held by University House and to be transferred to the EF soon.

7 Other Business

7.1 Gavin Byrne reported progress with the Web Site, which was already being used.

7.2 The Committee agreed that the Chair should devise a brief statement explaining the Emeritus Faculty and its role in the Summer Schools—the statement to be put in the satchels of each teacher.

7.3 It was agreed that some form of Statement of Attendance could be made available to those registered for the Summer Schools. For any more formal ANU accreditation, the Dean of the Graduate School might be consulted about 'Short Courses'.

7.4 The Chair reported on discussion with the Director, Public Affairs, ANU, about accommodation and modest secretarial support for the EF. The Committee noted with appreciation the generous support provided by Giles Pickford and Peter Scardoni from the ATEM office.

8 Next Meeting

The Committee noted the date of December 5 for the AGM and the meeting schedule for 2002 as follows:

February 6
March 6
April 3
May 8
June 5
July 3
August 7
September 4
October 2
November 6
November 27
December 4 AGM

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