Minutes
Emeritus Faculty
The Australian National University

The 23rd meeting of the Committee of the Emeritus Faculty was held on Wednesday 6 February 2002 at 4.00 pm in the Matisse Room, Cellar Bar, University House.

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1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Adrian Gibbs.

2. Minutes

The minutes of the 21st and 22nd meetings were confirmed.

3. Business Arising from the Minutes

3.1 Summer School for Science Teachers

Peter Stewart reported that the School had been a great success with excellent feedback from teachers and a wide representation from all parts of Australia from both public and private schools. A report including acquittal of the grant was nearing completion and would be distributed when ready.

The Committee congratulated Peter Stewart, Colin Plowman, John Dash and all other helpers on the exemplary way that the project had been conceived, planned and implemented.

3.2 Summer School for Australian History Teachers

The Chair reported that the school had attracted good support from 30 teachers, mostly from private schools, and 5 educators from the collecting institutions of the ACT. A report and acquittal of the grant is now required and the Chair will pursue this matter with the HRC.

The Committee congratulated John Molony, Beryl Rawson, Garrett Purtill and Leena Messina on the way that the project had been executed, noting that it was a first of its kind and many lessons had been learnt along the way.

4. ANUEF Lecture Series

Russell Doust reported on the first six months of the Series as follows:

20 February – Ian Hancock on John Gorton
20 March – Barry Ninham to replace Peter Stewart who will give the July Lecture instead
17 April – Bruce Pollard on Changes for the Good and the Less Good in the ANU Residences
15 May – Tim Rowse on Nuggett Coombs
19 June – Eric Fry on the Birth of the ANU – a personal history
July onwards still in development.

The Committee discussed a suggestion from Elizabeth Murphy who offered to be a guest speaker on the need for a close relationship between the author and the editor of educational material --textbooks, training manuals, or anything from which a person is supposed to learn. The Committee thought that the presentation was more of a workshop than a lecture and as such did not fit the criteria for the ANUEF Lecture Series.

5 Treasurer's Report

Peter Scardoni reported that member's funds stood at $855.15 and that a notice to pay the 2002 subscription of $10 would be distributed shortly. The report was adopted.

6 New Members

The Committee noted that Barry Ninham and Peter Kinnell had been admitted to membership.

7 Other Business

7.1 Use of the ANUEF Members List

The Secretary reported that in accordance with the resolution of the AGM he had begun distributing the RAPlink Newsletter. One member had subsequently asked that she no longer receive it.

Gavin Byrne agreed to look into the possibility of the ANUEF subscribing to a list server, which has the facility for a person to unsubscribe from a particular list. He said he would report to the next meeting.

7.2 RENEW Program

The Committee agreed to give 15 minutes of the next meeting to allow members John Grant (UNESCO Centre) and Barry Ninham (RENEW Program) to speak about their projects, and the role that ANUEF might be able to play in them.

7.3 ANUEF Accommodation

The Committee discussed the possibility of the ANUEF being able to use the University House Library for some of its activities and to give the ANUEF a home for its social activities. The Secretary was asked to speak to the General Manager first, and then to set up a meeting between the Chair and the Acting Master of University House to explore the idea.

7.4 National Institutes

The Committee noted that ANU was proceeding to push ahead with the idea of the National Institutes, but that to nominate for one of them requires a staff payroll number, which precludes any involvement by suitable members of the ANUEF.

Examples of how ANUEF could participate included, among others, the ANUEF Summer Schools which are powerful outreach programs entirely in line with the objects of the National Institutes. It was agreed that the Deputy Chair and Beryl Rawson should make enquiries about how these obstacles could be overcome and report to the next meeting.

8 Next Meeting

The meeting schedule for 2002 is as follows: 4.00 pm in the Matisse Room, Cellar Bar on the following dates.

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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