Minutes
Emeritus Faculty
The Australian National University

Minutes of the 26th meeting of the Committee of the Emeritus Faculty held on Wednesday 8 May 2002 at 4.00 pm in the Matisse Room, Cellar Bar, University House.

PRESENT: John Molony (Chair), Chris Bryant, Russell Doust, Gavin Byrne, Stewart Turner, Adrian Gibbs, Peter Scardoni, Judy Slee, Peter Stewart, Giles Pickford.

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Wendy Brazil and Beryl Rawson.

2. Minutes

The minutes of the 25th meeting were confirmed.

3. Business Arising from the Minutes

3.1 Summer School for Science Teachers 2003

Peter Stewart reported that things had reached a critical point with $30,000 committed to the 2003 Summer School by the ANU and a need for another $25,000 to fully support the project. He stated that raising the remainder was now in the hands of Colin Plowman and John Dash of the CCE. Contact had already been made with ACT Tourism for an educational tourism grant. Teachers had been consulted about whether they would be willing to contribute half the costs from their own or School resources and they had said that it was possible, but the amount would need to be less than half. CANASTA, the National Association of Science Teachers, is meeting later this year in Hobart and a visit by Peter Stewart to this event would help.

The Committee noted the report and requested to be kept informed as the project developed

3.2 Summer School for The Humanities 2003

John Molony reported that Richard Gorrell of the local history teachers association had been consulted about the 2003 Summer School, and that the matter was now before Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Malcolm Gillies. The HRC had stated that it could not help next year unless the ANU resourced the project. All agreed that the 2002 Summer School had been a resounding success and that it should be repeated if funds were available.

The Committee noted the report and requested to be kept informed as the project developed

3.3 Visit of Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Education)

The Committee noted that Malcolm Gillies, Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Education), has been invited to address a future meeting.

It also noted that Chris Bryant had received the following encouraging communication from John Hearn following on from his visit in April. 'Chris - I think the EF is an asset and could be a much bigger one. I know the VC is considering a home, and I've spoken in favour. I think the portfolio issue would best be either with the VC or DVC and I'll raise the matter'.

3.4 Web Site Officer's report

Gavin Byrne reported that the web site and the two list servers were now fully operational. Giles Pickford stated that because of difficulties being experience by most people in subscribing to EFtalk, it might be necessary to subscribe all members and tell them how to unsubscribe, as this is much easier. The Committee decided to leave the matter in the hands of the Web Site Officer and Secretary to sort out.

Gavin Byrne also put forward an idea about publicising the ANUEF and the web site at some point in the future. The Committee agreed that this would be a desirable development and left the timing of it to the Web Site Officer and Secretary.

3.5 ANUEF Data Base

The Committee noted that Wendy Brazil will report to a future meeting.

3.6 ANUEF Accommodation

The Chair reported that there was not yet any formal response from Chancelry to his letter of 19 February 2002 concerning accommodation, but that communication had been made by the Director of Facilities and Services, who was investigating the matter.

3.7 National Institutes

The Committee considered the question of how should the members' attention be drawn to the matter of becoming involved with the National Institutes? It was agreed that the Chair should send out an EFmessages communication to members saying that the National Institutes were still evolving and that, if interested, they should communicate with the relevant Convenor.

4 Invitation to Emeritus Professors

The Secretary had previously reported that he was having difficulty in obtaining the addresses of Emeritus Professors, which are incorporated in the Convocation Roll, but not separated out into their own category. He reported that the Alumni Office has now indicated that it is not possible to separate this category from the Convocation Roll.

The Committee resolved that the Treasurer, who is adept with this technology, should call on the Alumni Office to look at the database and see what can be done.

5 Volunteering ACT

The Committee noted that there had been no responses to a communication from Volunteering ACT, sent by the Secretary to all members, seeking help from members in tendering for a project which 'will examine issues relating to the notion of young people as volunteers in traditional areas and newer areas linked to the introduction of contemporary youth development schemes'.

6 Lecture Series

Russell Doust reported that he needed ideas for topics and speakers for September to November 2002. Adrian Gibbs suggested that we should invite Emeritus Professors whom we were seeking to become members of ANUEF.

7 Treasurer's Report

Peter Scardoni reported that ANUEF had $1,100.67 in the Bank and that over three quarters of the members had renewed.

8 New Members

Secretary tabled a Category 5 Membership Application from C J E Phillips of Turramurra. The Committee resolved to refer the application to the membership sub-committee for recommendation.

9 Higher Education at the Cross Roads

The Chair stated that he had indicated to the Vice-Chancellor that the ANUEF might make a submission to the enquiry initiated by Brendan Nelson, Minister for Education Science and Technology. The Committee discussed the idea and one suggestion was that the youngest members of staff now had no voice in University Affairs and their needs were largely ignored. The Committee appointed Adrian Gibbs, Judith Slee and Chris Bryant to interview a sample of such staff and prepare a response to the Nelson enquiry.

10 Next Meeting

The meeting schedule for 2002 is as follows:
June 5
July 3
August 7
September 4
October 2
November 6
November 27
December 4 AGM

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