Minutes
Emeritus Faculty
The Australian National University

Minutes of the 27th meeting of the Committee of the Emeritus Faculty held on Wednesday 5 June 2002 at 4.00 pm in the Matisse Room, Cellar Bar, University House.

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1. Apologies

Adrian Gibbs, Judith Slee, Beryl Rawson. The members resolved to extend their condolences to Beryl Rawson on the death of Allan Martin.

2. Minutes

The minutes of the 26th meeting were confirmed.

3. Business Arising from the Minutes

6.1 Summer School for Science Teachers 2003

In the absence of Peter Stewart, the Secretary reported that he and John Dash would be calling on Bill Wood, ACT Minister for Education, seeking supplementation of the ANU grant of $27,000 towards the 2003 Summer School for Science Teachers.

6.2 Summer School for Humanities Teachers 2003

John Molony reported that there had been no word from Chancelry yet about funding for the 2003 Summer School for Humanities Teachers.

3.3 Visit of Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Education)

The Committee noted that Malcolm Gillies, Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Education), had been invited to address a future meeting. The date is yet to be confirmed.

3.4 New Members

In the absence of Beryl Rawson, the Secretary reported on a Category 5 Membership Application from C J E Phillips of Turramurra. Professor Phillips had agreed that what he really needed was for the University of New South Wales to start up an Emeritus Faculty. The Secretary has agreed to visit UNSW if invited.

3.5 Higher Education at the Cross Roads

The Chair reported on a meeting of the ANU Society which he had attended recently, where he had discussed the proposed ANUEF submission to the Brendan Nelson panel on Higher Education at the Cross Roads with the Vice-Chancellor. He tabled a copy of a draft which concerned itself mainly with the role of the ANU in Higher Education and Research. Members are urged to read it and comment on it within the fortnight.

Chris Bryant reported on behalf of Adrian Gibbs, Chris Bryant and Judith Slee, saying that they had read the report and had decided which of the propositions within the report would be the subject of their survey of junior staff.

The Committee agreed that it would hold a special meeting on the submission of both the above parts on Wednesday 19 June at 3.00 pm, prior to the ANUEF Lecture by Eric Fry. The Secretary apologised saying that he would be in Adelaide at this time.

The Committee also agreed that it should send a deputation to the enquiry.

3.6 Web Site Officer's report

Gavin Byrne report that EFtalk had six subscribers. There was a lot of discussion about whether ANUEF would need the stimulation of focus groups, in order for members to be motivated to take advantage of the service. It was agreed that the Web Site Officer should proceed along these lines and test the feeling of the members.

There was also discussion of the need for media coverage for ANUEF. Chris Bryant agreed to talk to Julian Lee of ANU Marketing and Communications concerning a media release.

3.7 ANUEF Data Base

Wendy Brazil was not present. (Subsequent to the meeting the Secretary has discovered that Wendy did not get the Agenda as he had not yet included her name in the group e-mailing list. This has now been rectified. The Secretary offers his apologies for this oversight.)

3.8 ANUEF Accommodation

The Secretary reported that he had received encouraging news about the possibility of accommodation for ANUEF being forthcoming in the Innovations Building, but that it would be around May 2003 before this became available. The news was greeted enthusiastically by the Committee.

3.9 National Institutes

Chair reported that Beryl Rawson's initiative had brought forward an invitation from the National Institute for the Humanities, which had been circulated to all members. Many have subsequently taken up this invitation to join.

3.10Invitation to Emeritus Professors
The Treasurer reported that he would be ready to report on this matter at the next meeting.

4 Lecture Series
Russell Doust reported that he was still looking for ideas for the last three lectures for the year. The following were suggested:

September 18 – a Parasitologist who can be approached by Chris Bryant
October 16 – The Dean of Arts
November 20 – Giles Pickford on the philosophy that underpins the Association for Tertiary Education Management (ATEM).

5 Treasurer's Report
The Treasurer tabled the accounts, which shows a credit balance of $1,110.67. These were accepted by the Committee.

The Committee agreed that the Chair should be reimbursed for the cost of putting a notice in *The Canberra Times* concerning the death of Allan Martin.

6 Other Business

6.1 Indemnity
Chris Bryant reported that he had been looking into the question of the indemnity cover that ANUEF should have, as it undertakes work for the ANU. It appears that indemnity can be given for such work, but that it requires a delegation to a senior ANU manager who could sign off on projects. Such a person could also sign off on travel arrangements so that ANUEF members travelling on authorised business could get cover, and also get the deeply discounted air fares available to the ANU.

The Committee agreed that it should bring these matters up during the impending visit of Malcolm Gillies Deputy Vice Chancellor (Education).

6.2 East Timor
The Chair asked members to give thought as to how we might assist East Timor in the revival of Higher Education in that country. The matter is to be listed for the next meeting.

6.3 Office Bearers
The question of which members can see their way clear to re-nominating for the Committee in 2003 is to be listed for the next meeting.

7 Next Meeting
The meeting schedule for 2002 is as follows:
June 19 at 3.00 pm – Special Meeting on the Nelson Submission
July 3 – Apology from GP in NZ, and PS in Sydney

August 7 – Apology from GP unless meeting can be moved to 6 August
September 4
October 2 – Apology from GP and PS in Brisbane, and GB overseas
November 6
November 27
December 4 AGM

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