Minutes
Emeritus Faculty
The Australian National University

Minutes of the 35th meeting of the Committee of the Emeritus Faculty held on Wednesday 5 February 2003 at 4.00 pm in the Matisse Room, Cellar Bar, University House.

PRESENT: John Molony (Chair), Judith Slee, Chris Bryant, Peter McCullagh, Gavin Byrne, Giles Pickford (Secretary). Colin Plowman in attendance.

1. Apologies

Beryl Rawson, Peter Scardoni (Treasurer)

2. Minutes

The minutes of the 33rd and 34th meetings were confirmed.

3. Business Arising from the Minutes

3.1 Summer School for Science Teachers 2003

Colin Plowman attended for this item and reported that all had gone well with the 42 in attendance at the Summer School for Science teachers. Applications had been received from 45 teachers, after some difficulty had been experienced with getting the information into schools. Special mention was made of the contribution of Peter Stewart, Russell Barrow, John Dash and the Dean, Tim Brown.

3.2 Summer School for Humanities Teachers 2003

The Chair reported that the 2003 Summer School for Humanities teachers had also gone well. This year it had been project-oriented, with the staff assisting teachers in various interesting studies. A full report will be given later after Garrett Purtill had retrieved all responses.

3.3 New Members

The Secretary reported on some new invitations to prospective members. Responses will be provided to the next meeting.

3.4 Database

Gavin Byrne reported that the web site was going well, but that the raw data for the members' database was still with Wendy Brazil. The Secretary was asked to take steps to retrieve the data.

3.6 Leadership Training

The Chair reported that there had been no further developments.

3.7 Unfinished Business – a Repository of Unused Ideas

The Committee discussed Adrian Gibbs's idea about a database of unfinished academic projects (the by-product of most retirements) which could be made available to postgraduate students to rake over for new research projects.

It was agreed to circulate the membership seeking contributions of such data.

3.8 Commercialisation Policy

Adrian Gibbs had provided a page on his concerns about this ANU Policy document. It was noted.

3.9 Vice-Chancellor's Reception

Secretary reported that after a conversation with the Endowment Officer he had found that it is now possible to get the addresses of former staff. Furthermore, the Endowment Office would be interested in funding half the cost of the proposed Vice-Chancellor's reception. Progress will be reported at the next meeting.

4. Lecture Series

Chris Bryant to report. Lectures suggested so far include the following:

David Jenkins	"Human Behaviour and Parasite Transmission"
John Molony	"The Many Faces of Ned: with some references to Peter Carey"
Peter Stewart	"Canoeing the Murray Darling: a visual presentation"
Deryck Scarr	"An Aspect of the History of the Pacific"

Also Robin Stanton has been contacted and is interested in giving a Lecture.

5. Treasurer's Report

Deferred to the next meeting.

6. Other Business

7.1 Election of Deputy Chair and Cooption of Four Members

The Committee elected Peter McCullagh as Deputy Chair, and resolved to invite William Levick and John Sandeman to serve on the Committee. The Committee noted that two vacancies remain.

7.2 Potential Consultancies

Secretary reported on a possible collaboration between ANUEF and Asia Growth Funds Ltd, which is involved with the ANU and a number of other Australian Universities in matching overseas capital and Australian intellect in R & D projects. Some of the ideas could be taken up by members of the ANUEF.

7.3 Mt Stromlo Disaster

Secretary reported that he had circulated all members to find out if any were in need as a result of the January fires. None had been affected.

7.4 Cooma Cottage Outing

Secretary reported on an idea for a social outing to Cooma Cottage, the house of Hamilton Hume near Yass. It would be a bus trip and Lecture delivered by John Molony, followed by drinks. The Committee agreed that a date should be set and the members circulated.

7.5 Association of Commonwealth Universities

The Secretary tabled a request from the ACU for distribution of a questionnaire about a proposed Retired Academics Database. The Committee agreed that the members should be circulated by e-mail in order to establish the level of interest.

8. Next Meeting

The Committee noted the meeting schedule for the remainder of 2003 follows:
March 5
April 2
May 7
June 4
July 2
August 6
September 3
September 24
November 5
November 26
December 3 AGM

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