Minutes
Emeritus Faculty
The Australian National University

Minutes of the 36th meeting of the Committee of the Emeritus Faculty held on Wednesday 5 March 2003 at 4.00 pm in the Matisse Room, Cellar Bar, University House.

PRESENT: John Molony (Chair), Beryl Rawson, John Sandeman, Peter McCullagh (Deputy Chair), Judith Slee, Peter Scardoni (Treasurer), Giles Pickford (Secretary)

1. Apologies and Welcome

The Chair welcomed John Sandeman to his first meeting.
Apologies were received from Gavin Byrne (Web Site Officer) and Chris Bryant (Events Officer).

2. Minutes

The minutes of the 35th meeting were confirmed.

3. Business Arising from the Minutes

3.1 Cooption of Four Members

The Chair reported that there were still three vacancies on the Committee. It was agreed that Thelma Hunter should be approached and asked if she would join and take over the job of Social Organiser, looking after such projects as the Cooma Cottage visit and the post Annual General Meeting arrangements. It was also agreed to ask John Grant if he would like to join the Committee.

3.2 Summer School for Science Teachers 2003

The Committee appointed John Sandeman to liaise with CCE and the Dean of Science on the 2004 Summer School.

3.3 Summer School for Humanities Teachers 2003

The Chair tabled the HRC report to the Vice-Chancellor on the 2003 Summer School, and expressed his concerns about the small number of public school teachers attending. It was felt that timing and nomenclature was part of the problem and that if the event was labelled as 'in-service training', and held in term time, there would be a better representation from the public school sector. It was agreed that the Chair should request the HRC to consult with representatives of Humanities Teachers in public schools on this issue, and suggest that the Director himself consult with school and college Principals about timing, nomenclature and release from teaching.

3.4 New Members

The Secretary to reported that Allan Bellett had joined and that William Gladstones had been invited to join. The Committee agreed that Deane Terrell should be invited to join.

3.5 Database

The Chair reported that he had taken steps to retrieve the raw data from Wendy Brazil, but that she had not responded. It was agreed that the Secretary would take the matter up with her at the earliest opportunity.

3.6 Unfinished Business – a Repository of Unused Ideas

The Secretary reported that he had circulated the membership seeking contributions of such data but that none had been forthcoming.

3.7 Cooma Cottage Outing

Secretary had previously reported on an idea for a social outing to Cooma Cottage, the house of Hamilton Hume near Yass. It would consist of a bus trip (Forestry Bus) and Lecture delivered by John Molony, followed by drinks. The Secretary further reported that the suggested date is Sunday 6 April which will be the Cooma Cottage Open Day. If the Committee wanted refreshments, then there would be a charge of around $20. It was agreed to wait for the proposal that Comma Cottage was about to send to ANUEF on this matter.

3.8 Association of Commonwealth Universities

The Secretary reported that he had distributed to members a request from the ACU for registrations in the proposed Retired Academics Database. The Committee noted that four members had registered their interest.

3.9 Membership Campaign - Vice-Chancellor's Reception

The Secretary reminded the Committee that the purpose of the Vice-Chancellor's Reception was membership recruitment. Therefore invitations had been sent out to a few hundred addresses of retired staff, as well as to ANUEF members. Unfortunately, whereas the invitation to prospective members was correct, the invitations to ANUEF members had the wrong date on them. The Committee noted that the Secretary would e-mail members correcting the date and urging attendance. Members not on e-mail would be phoned.

The correct date is Thursday 13 March 2003 at 5.45 pm in the Common Room, University House.

4. Lecture Series

In the absence of Chris Bryant the Committee noted that the following Lectures were in train:

Finalised:

19 March: David Jenkins	"Human Behaviour and Tapeworm Transmission"
16 April: Derek Scales	"Aldous Huxley and France"

Pending:

John Molony	"The Many Faces of Ned: with some references to Peter Carey"
Peter Stewart	"Canoeing the Murray Darling: a visual presentation"

Deryck Scar "Pacific History"

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

The Committee suggested that a presentation on the Campus Plan by Warwick Williams should be included in the 2003 schedule.

5. Treasurer's Report

Treasurer tabled his report. The Committee approved all expenditures and resolved that the report be received.

6. Other Business

6.1 Changes to Academic Life: DEST Report

The Committee noted that the above report by ANUEF members Don Anderson, Dick Johnson and Larry Saha could be read at the following URL:

http://www.dest.gov.au/highered/otherpub/academic_work.pdf

The report was also the page one story and was extensively covered in 'Campus Review' Vol 13 No 2, January 22-28, 2003.

6.2 Observer

The Committee resolved to invite Bruno Yvanovich of the ANU Endowment for Excellence to attend meetings as an observer.

6.3 ACT Government White Paper

John Sandeman drew the Committee's attention to the ACT Government's White Paper on improving business relations in the Canberra region, and asked if the ANUEF might want to become involved in the consultation process. It was agreed that the Secretary should circulate the URL for the paper before the next meeting.

6.4 Cricket Match

The Secretary reported that the ANUEF had a member in Wagga Wagga, Peter Firth, and that he and the Secretary were in the process of organising a Cricket Match between the ANU Cricket Club and a team from Wagga Wagga. It was agreed that ANUEF would take an interest in the event should it occur.

6.6 Myer Foundation

The Chair reported that the Myer Foundation had, as one of its funding priorities, the useful integration of retirement groups into the community. The Secretary agreed to prepare a report on this matter for the next meeting.

7. Next Meeting

The Committee noted the meeting schedule for the remainder of 2003 as follows:

April 2
May 7
June 4
July 2
August 6
September 3
September 24
November 5
November 26
December 3 AGM

The Committee noted that the need for the double September meetings is that the Secretary and Treasurer will be in Adelaide at the regular time for the October meeting.

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