Minutes
Emeritus Faculty
The Australian National University

The 37th meeting of the Committee of the Emeritus Faculty was held on Wednesday 2 April 2003 at 4.00 pm in the Matisse Room, Cellar Bar, University House.

PRESENT: John Molony (Chair), Peter McCullagh, Judy Slee, Beryl Rawson, Peter Scardoni (Treasurer), Giles Pickford (Secretary).

1. Apologies

John Grant, Gavin Byrne, Chris Bryant, John Sandeman and Bruno Yvanovich.

The Chair reported that he had recently spoken to Mrs Byrne and that Gavin Byrne is not well at the moment.

2. Minutes

The minutes of the 36th meeting were confirmed.

3. Business Arising from the Minutes

3.1 Cooption of Three Members

The Committee noted that Thelma Hunter has declined cooption to the Committee as she has been given a job to do by the Master of University House. John Grant has accepted the invitation. The Committee noted that there are two remaining vacancies.

3.2 Summer School for Science Teachers 2003

John Sandeman was not present to report on his discussions with CCE and the Dean of Science on the 2004 Summer School. However, an e-mail was received by the Secretary after the meeting indicating that John Sandeman had spoken with John Dash of CCE and would report at the next meeting.

3.3 Summer School for Humanities Teachers 2003

The Chair reported on his discussions with the Director, HRC about proposed changes to the Summer School for Humanities Teachers. A reorganisation of the program is under consideration. One option which will be discussed with Malcolm Gillies is a two or three week program leading to the award of a Diploma. Consideration is being given to sending a special invitation to a selection of 100 High Schools, signed by the Director of the HRC and, if he was willing, the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Education); after discussions involving the Director HRC and the Chair with the President of the ACT History Teachers Association.

Beryl Rawson suggested that, in addition to the letter, some Principals should be followed up by telephone.

3.4 New Members

The Secretary reported on new members joining as a result of the Vice-Chancellor's Reception, and other invitations generated by Beryl Rawson and Bruno Yvanovich. The Committee noted the following: **Invited**: Richard Campbell, Bill Edeson, Jerzy Zubrycki. **Joined**: Geoffrey H Taylor, Liu Ts'un-yan, Deane Terrell, Bob Crompton, Cedric Mims.

3.5 Database

The Secretary reported that he had had a very brief discussion with Wendy Brazil at a House Dinner, and that she would look for the Questionnaire Forms and return them to the ANUEF shortly. A photocopy of the forms is needed by the ANUEF for its continuing records and reference.

3.6 Cooma Cottage Outing

The Secretary reported that Cooma Cottage was a National Trust project run by volunteers and that honoraria are not given to speakers. He indicated that Cooma Cottage was very interested in a presentation by John Molony in the spring time, possibly at the Yass Town Hall. They were also interested in displaying his books at the Cottage. The matter will come back onto the Agenda at a later date.

3.7 Membership Campaign - Vice-Chancellor's Reception

The Committee agreed that the event had been well worthwhile and that it cost the ANUEF $297.65 which was easily within budget.

3.8 ACT Government White Paper

At the last meeting John Sandeman had drawn 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 noted that the URL for the paper is:

http://www.business.gateway.act.gov.au/documents/dir15/doc631015.html

In the absence of John Sandeman the item was deferred to the next meeting.

3.9 Myer Foundation

At the last meeting the Chair had reported that the Myer Foundation had, as one of its funding priorities, the useful integration of retirement groups into the community. The Secretary read an extract from the Directory of Philanthropic Trusts as follows.

'**Summary of Purpose**: Community, welfare, environment and the arts, etc., with emphasis on innovation and social development' The web site for the Trust is:

http://werple.net.au/~

4. Lecture Series

Chris Bryant had sent an e-mail which was received after the meeting. For the information of the Committee there are lectures booked through to August 2003 with others pending.

The following Lectures are in train:

Finalised:

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

Pending:

Robin Stanton	TBA
John Molony	"The Many Faces of Ned: with some references to Peter Carey"
Peter Stewart	"Canoeing the Murray Darling: a visual presentation"
Warwick Williams	"The Campus Plan"
Jim Griffin	TBA
Tim Fischer	Launch of James S Mahoney's Book "A Bushman Remembers: Life on the land when horsepower held sway"

5. Treasurer's Report

Treasurer tabled his report. The Committee noted that there was a credit balance of $1,689.43, after payment of all expenses and liabilities, in the Credit Union. It agreed to the payment of those expenses and liabilities listed.

The Committee also noted that subscriptions for the year were coming in steadily, with 28 being still outstanding, and one having arrived as cash in an envelope with no name attached. It was agreed that the Secretary should send out a reminder after which unfinancial members should be deleted.

6. Other Business

6.1 Agenda and Minutes Circulation

The Committee discussed the idea of sending Agenda and Minutes, or Minutes alone, out to the whole membership for information. It was agreed that the Minutes should be sent out as text, and the feedback of members sought.

6.2 Symposium on the Crossroads Report in the Context of the Budget

The Committee noted that the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Education) had suggested that the ANUEF might consider organising a symposium on the Crossroads Report in the context of the Budget, which is tabled in the Parliament on 13 May. University funding is likely to be made public some weeks before that date.

It was agreed that a Symposium would be a good idea. Names that Immediately suggested themselves were Peter Karmel, Bruce Chapman, Don Anderson, Dick Johnson, and Don Aitkin. Other members of ANUEF might also bring papers forward. The topic should be put in the context of what is happening overseas.

It would be important to advertise the event early and to hold it shortly after the Budget as other groups might well get involved, such as members of the Undergraduate and Postgraduate student bodies. Wednesday 21 May from 2.00 pm to 9.00 pm was tentatively put forward, with a conference dinner to close.

A small grant might be needed to cover any potential high-cost items in the budget such as airfares for interstate speakers, and printing of papers.

It was suggested that a small working group comprising the Chair, Don Anderson, Bruce Chapman and Malcolm Gillies should be given carriage of the project.

6.3 Emeritus Groups in the USA

The Committee noted that Dr Larry Saha had extracted two articles about Emeritus Groups in the USA from the *Chronicle of Higher Education* for the Committee's information. This item was deferred to the next meeting.

7. Next Meeting

The meeting schedule for the remainder of 2003 was noted:

May 7	June 4	July 2	August 6	Sept 3
Sept 24	Nov 5	Nov 26	Dec 3 AGM	

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