Unconfirmed Minutes
Emeritus Faculty
Australian National University

Minutes of the 38th meeting of the Committee of the Emeritus Faculty held on Wednesday 7 May 2003 at 4.00 pm in the Matisse Room, Cellar Bar, University House.

PRESENT: John Molony (Chair), Peter McCullagh (Deputy Chair), Chris Bryant (Events Officer), Peter Scardoni (Treasurer), John Grant, Beryl Rawson, John Sandeman, Giles Pickford (Secretary). **In Attendance**: Bruno Yvanovich

1 Apologies

There were no apologies.

The Committee recorded its sadness at the death of Gavin Byrne, Web Site Officer. He will be sorely missed. A notice had been placed in the *Canberra Times* by the Chair.

2. Minutes

The minutes of the 37th meeting were confirmed subject to the last words in item 3.3 being changed to: 'Beryl Rawson suggested that, in addition to a letter, a personal approach to some ACT Principals be made by a senior member of the ANU (eg. the Chair of ANUEF or the Director of HRC'.

3. Business Arising from the Minutes

3.1 Cooption of Three Members

The Committee noted that there are now three vacancies on the Committee which may be filled by cooption. It was resolved to invite Nik Fominas to fill the vacancy left by Gavin Byrne (Web Site Officer), and to invite Margaret Travers to fill one other vacancy, portfolio to be discussed later.

3.2 Summer School for Science Teachers 2003

John Sandeman reported that he had nothing to report at this stage. He had approached Russell Barrow of the Science Faculty and John Dash of the CCE, but no information about the 2004 Summer School had yet been forthcoming. The matter was deferred to the next meeting. A financial report on the 2003 Summer School has not been given to ANUEF, although it is likely that it exists.

3.3 Summer School for Humanities Teachers 2003

The Chair reported that there is going to be a meeting on the 2004 Summer School on Friday 9 May and that he would report outcomes to the next meeting. He also reported that the Law Faculty was considering offering a Summer School, but that it was early days at this stage.

3.4 New Members

The Committee noted that Jerzy Zubrzycki and Margaret Travers have joined since the last meeting. A category 5 application from Nik Fominas was tabled and the Committee resolved to accept it and offer Nik Fominas the portfolio of Web Site Officer.

3.5 Database

The Secretary reported that Wendy Brazil had completed about half the data entry for the ANUEF database of members' particulars. The project is nearing completion. It agreed that when data entry is complete that Wendy Brazil and Nik Fominas should collaborate in getting the database up on the web site. The hard copy file has been returned to ANUEF Secretariat.

3.6 Conference on the Crossroads Report Post Budget

The Chair reported that the Conference was shaping up well and that papers would be presented by the Vice-Chancellor, Peter Karmel, Don Anderson, Bruce Chapman, and Malcolm Gillies. The Committee discussed publicity and agreed that the notice should go to all ANU staff and students and the ANUEF, and that a separate notice should go to Deans and Directors asking them to raise it during meetings and at all other opportunities.

The Secretary agreed to circulate the notice outside the ANU to the Media, ATEM members Australia-wide, FASTS, NTEU outside ANU, etc.

The Committee expressed its gratitude to Malcolm Gillies for all he had done, noting that ANU had agreed to assist with costs.

3.8 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 noted that the URL for the paper is:

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

John Sandeman reported that the report is 31 pages in length. There was much in the report about interaction between business and education in Canberra, with business expressing some reservations about how to achieve better collaboration between the two sectors. There was much analysis about the development of Technology Parks and existing levels of expertise in the community.

It was agreed to request Nik Fominas and Peter Scardoni to look into making a submission to the Government, and report back to the next meeting.

3.9 Myer Foundation

Set out below is 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 was incorrectly entered in the Directory, and in the Minutes of the last meeting.

Bruno Yvanovich said that he would assist in approaches to the Myer Foundation and that he would report to the next meeting.

3.10 Agenda and Minutes Circulation

The Committee noted that at the last meeting it was agreed that the Minutes should be sent out as text and the feedback of members sought. The Secretary reported that one member (with an e-mail address) had asked to receive the Minutes in print. He stated that there are nine others without e-mail addresses who receive all minutes and other notices in print anyway, so one more envelope is only an extra $5.50 per annum in stamps, plus envelopes.

The Committee went on to discuss the question of when the minutes should be circulated, noting that the Unconfirmed Minutes had gone out to members and that subsequently the Minutes had been amended by the Committee.

One point of view expressed by some members was that the Minutes should be held back for four weeks until they had been confirmed. Another, expressed by the Secretary, was that the efficacy of distributing information was largely negated when the information was out of date.

It was agreed that, after amendments to the Draft Minutes had been received, the Unconfirmed Minutes would be circulated to the Committee before distribution to all members.

3.11 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. Both articles have been circulated.

It was agreed that consideration of this material should be deferred to a special meeting open to all members of ANUEF: date to be determined.

4. Lecture Series

Chris Bryant reported that the following Lectures are pending:

21 May "The Many Faces of Ned (with some reference to Peter Carey)" by John Molony

18 June "Adrift – Canoeing the Murray & Darling" by Peter Stewart

16 July (Title to be announced) by Robin Stanton

20 August (Title to be announced) by Professor Graham Durant, Director of Questacon

17 September "Limits to teaching on the World Wide Web" Michael Greenhalgh

15 October "Companion of the History of Medicine in Austrslia – Book Launch" by Anthony Proust.

19 November To be arranged.

The Committee noted that the following had offered lectures which had been tabled at the last meeting in the absence of Chris Bryant.

Warwick Williams	"The Campus Plan"
Jim Griffin	"Biography of John Wren – book launch"

One of these could be held in November and the other held over to February 2004.

Finally the Committee noted that the launch of Jim Mahoney's Book "A Bushman Remembers: Life on the land when horsepower held sway" will now be held at Dymocks Bookshop in the Belconnen Mall. It had been taken out of the Series, but members will be invited.

Bruno Yvanovich asked the Committee to consider offering say two major public lectures a year, outside the current schedule, which could be part of the ANU Public Lecture Series organised by David Byrne of Marketing and Communications Division. The Committee agreed to refer this idea to Chris Bryant for consideration and report.

5. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer reported that members' funds stood at $1,719.98. The Committee resolved to accept the payments listed.

The Treasurer reported that, following the subscription reminder being sent out after the last meeting, sixteen members remain unfinancial.

It was agreed to hold the matter over to the next meeting. The Secretary will attempt to analyse how many of the unfinancials are simply forgetful, and how many are genuinely not interested in continuing.

6. Other Business

6.1 ANUEF Accommodation

The Chair raised the question of ANUEF accommodation, which is still under consideration in the Chancelry. The Committee agreed that the Chair should bring the issue to the attention of the Vice-Chancellor. The Committee agreed that Peter Scardoni and Giles Pickford would be guests in this accommodation, when available, by virtue of the work they do for ANUEF as its Secretariat.

6.2 ANUEF Discounts and Member Identification

Bruno Yvanovich offered to assist in the production of a member identification card, which would replace the current letter produced by the Secretariat. This offer was gratefully accepted.

7. Next Meeting

The Committee noted that the meeting schedule for the remainder of 2003 is:
June 4, July 2, August 6, Sept 3, Sept 24, Nov 5, Nov 26, Dec 3 AGM

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