Unconfirmed Minutes
Emeritus Faculty
Australian National University

Minutes of the 39th meeting of the Committee of the Emeritus Faculty held on Wednesday 4 June 2003 at 4.00 pm in the Billiard Room, Cellar Bar, University House.

PRESENT: John Molony (Chair), Peter McCullagh (Deputy Chair), Judith Slee, John Sandeman, Nik Fominas (Web Site Officer), Peter Scardoni (Treasurer), Giles Pickford (Secretary). In attendance: Bruno Yvanovich.

1 Apologies and Welcome

The Chair welcomed Nik Fominas to his first meeting. Apologies were received from Chris Bryant, John Grant and Beryl Rawson.

2. Minutes

The minutes of the 38th meeting were confirmed.

3. Business Arising from the Minutes

3.1 Cooption of Committee Members

Thee Committee noted that there are two vacancies remaining on the Committee. It was agreed to remove this item from the agenda. The vacancies are advertised on the web site.

3.2 Summer School for Science Teachers 2003

John Sandeman reported that he had received a copy of a recent report from the Dean of Science and that he would be meeting with him the next day. A grant of $65,000 had been allocated by the ANU to support the School.

3.3 Summer School for Humanities Teachers 2003

The Chair reported that the Summer School for Humanities Teachers seemed to be moving away from the History theme. Law was emerging, but it was too early to tell the final shape of the School. The School administrator, Garrett Purtell, and the HRC Director Iain McCalman, were both moving on and it was not certain who would take carriage of the School for 2004. Peter Scardoni and Giles Pickford suggested that they could assist if there was no other unit in the ANU which wanted the job.

3.4 New Members

The Committee noted the following new members: Peter Karmel, Jim Mahoney, Fyfe Bygrave and Jan Anderson. The Committee accepted a category 5 application from Kate McNamara.

3.5 Web Site and Database

Nik Fominas reported on the work he had done on the web site. The database and maintenance elements of the site are seamlessly hosted on his company's server as the ANU server did not have the functionality that was needed.

Under the new arrangement the site includes a dynamic database which can be up-dated by Peter or Giles, it has a new section called 'Events' from which the 1st ANUEF Conference was managed. It can automatically send brochures to people who register and be used to collect conference registration fees.

On the matter of the database, he indicated that he would be meeting with Wendy Brazil in the near future. His aim would be to allow for a window on each person's name which would give a more detailed biographical note and recent publications.

3.6 Conference on the Crossroads Report Post Budget

The Committee noted that over 100 people, many from institutions outside the ACT, attended the 1st ANUEF Conference. The cost of the Hall hire and tea had been met by the ANU through Malcolm Gillies to whom we are very grateful. The media had also been present present. Peter Karmel's paper was up on the web site and had been reported in the Higher Education supplement of 'The Australian'. It had also been submitted to 'Campus Review'.

The Chair said that, while the acoustics of the venue had not been ideal, the Conference had been a great success and that the Emeritus Faculty should consider holding further such events, maybe three or four times a year. He foreshadowed a conference on 'The Public Intellectual' in the latter half of 2003.

3.8 ACT Government White Paper

John Sandeman reported on the ACT Government's White Paper on improving business relations in the Canberra region. The URL for the paper is:
http://www.business.gateway.act.gov.au/documents/dir15/doc631015.html
He said that he had discussed the paper with Nik Fominas and Peter Scardoni and that Nik had further discussed these ideas with Peter Gordon of Business ACT and David Malloch of Cantrade. Peter and Nik will prepare a paper for consideration at the next meeting.

3.9 Myer Foundation

The Committee discussed the web site for the Myer Foundation which had been circulated to members (www.myerfoundation.org.au). Bruno Yvanovich suggested that the thrust of the Foundation was more towards aged care and that it did not appear to have very much relevance to ANUEF's role. The matter is to be taken off the Agenda.

3.10 Emeritus Groups in the USA

The Committee was reminded that Dr Larry Saha had extracted two articles about Emeritus Groups in the USA from the *Chronicle of Higher Education*. The Committee

requested the Secretary to circulate the articles again, and that the item be placed at the head of the Agenda for the next meeting.

3.11 ANUEF Accommodation

The Secretary reported that Warwick Williams had identified an excellent site for the Emeritus Faculty in the Chifley Basement, next to the Credit Union (our Bankers), looking out on Union Square. The move into this accommodation would be in the near future. The room was wired into the ANU Network, with multiple outlets at which ANUEF members would be able to work. Future meetings of the Committee will be held in the room.

The Committee resolved to thank Warwick Williams for his efforts on behalf of ANUEF.

3.12 ANUEF Discounts and Member Identification

Bruno Yvanovich had offered to assist in the production of member identification cards, which are needed in order to prove ANUEF membership in order to qualify for the discounts displayed on the web site. Bruno's Office had developed a template and mail merge system. It was tabled at the meeting. The Committee thanked Bruno Yvanovich for his contribution. Nik Fominas will carry out the production of the cards.

4. Lecture Series

In the absence of Chris Bryant, Judy Slee reported on the ANUEF Lecture Series. The present schedule is as follows:

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 Australia – Book Launch" by Anthony Proust.

19 November To be arranged.

The following lectures have been offered.

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

Judy Slee recommended that the Lecture for 20 August above be offered to David Byrne of ANU Marketing and Communications as a contribution to the ANU Public Lecture Series. The Committee accepted this idea.

5. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer will tabled the monthly accounts. Which showed a credit balance of member's funds of $1,956.98. The accounts were accepted.

An up-dated list of unfinancial members was tabled. The Committee discussed which memberships need to have membership cancelled. The matter was deferred until after the impending discussion on our US equivalents.

6. Other Business

6.1 Proposed ANU Festival of the Creative Arts

The Secretary reported on a proposal for the ANUEF to be the Project Manager of a new ANU Festival of the Creative Arts. The Festival would be owned by the National Institute of the Humanities and the National Institute of The Arts, but would be managed by those ANUEF members who were interested. The idea had been discussed with the Dean of Arts who was positive about it.

The Committee agreed that the idea was agreed to in principle and that it should be submitted to the Vice-Chancellor through our mentor, the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Education).

6.2 Integrated Electives

Peter McCullagh reported on the development of integrated electives in the third year of the undergraduate degree. The elective to run in the second semester, 2003 will be based around the four national research priorities identified by the Government. A number of EF members will be providing guidance to the participating students, but it is hoped that other EF people will be interested in taking part in the series of sessions. These will run on Fridays from 12:00 to 2:00. A program will be distributed to all EF members as soon as it is finalised. Subject to its successful initiation, the integrated electives option will be included in the 2004 Faculty Handbook. Whilst only one elective will be running in the coming semester, it is hoped that sufficient EF members may be interested (perhaps as a result of attending some of the 2003 sessions) to enable several to operate in the first semester, 2004. Whilst the "pilot" elective is to be offered in the Science Faculty, it will be possible to extend the scheme across the University, provided there is enough involvement of EF members. .

7. Next Meeting

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

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