Unconfirmed Minutes
Emeritus Faculty
Australian National University

Minutes of the 40th meeting of the Committee of the Emeritus Faculty held on Wednesday 2 July 2003 at 4.00 pm in the new ANUEF Room, Concessions Area.

1 Apologies and Welcome

Apologies have been received from John Grant, John Sandeman and Bruno Yvanovich.

2. Minutes

The minutes of the 39th meeting were confirmed.

3. Business Arising from the Minutes

3.1 Our US Counterparts

The Committee noted two extracts from the *Chronicle of Higher Education* which discussed sister organisations in the USA. The Committee noted that there were many similarities between our programs and theirs, and that in both cases the organisations were new and feeling their way. It was noted that the US organisation received generous funding from the University. The Committee felt that in our case the provision of space was sufficient support and that fees and charges would sustain the ANUEF adequately.

The Committee went on to hold a wide-ranging discussion of our programs and ways in which they could be developed and enhanced. It was agreed that Committee members should send new ideas in to the Chair for discussion at the next meeting, particularly new ideas for Conferences and Courses.

3.2 Proposed ANU Festival of the Creative Arts

The Secretary reported that he had met with Malcolm Gillies on the matter of the ANUFCA for 2006, the ANU's 60th Birthday. Our ideas were warmly received and the matter will now be taken forward to the Vice-Chancellor.

3.3 Integrated Electives

Peter McCullagh reported on developments. Everything is now in place and all that is needed now is enrolments. The course had already earned the nickname of 'the Legends Elective'. The Committee agreed that the Course should be run in the ANUEF Room, and that heating was needed in this respect in the colder months. CEDAM would assess the course when it was over and it would then be decided if it should be listed in the 2004 Faculty Handbook. The unique quality of the course was that, like the ANUEF itself, it crossed all faculty boundaries in the ANU.

3.4 PhB Proposal from the Deans of Arts and Science

The Committee noted that ANUEF participation in the new PhB degree would be discussed at a full ANUEF meeting with the Deans of Arts and Science, who will address members on Thursday 24 July at 4.30 pm in the Scarth Room.

3.5 The Public Intellectual: 2nd ANUEF Conference

The Chair reported that he would meet Malcolm Gillies on the matter of the 2nd ANUEF Conference. This time we would be seeking a Common Teaching Space in the ANU (Coombs/ManningClark) and that hire charges would not apply. There would be a small registration fee and the Conference would be profitable in all senses of that word.

3.6 Summer School for Science Teachers 2004

The Secretary read out a short report from John Sandeman which indicated that he had contacted both Tim Brown and Russell Barrow and, to his knowledge, there had been no new developments. In the absence of John Sandeman, discussion was deferred to the next meeting.

3.7 Summer School for Humanities Teachers 2004

The Chair reported that he had been assured by the HRC Deputy Director, Caroline Turner, that the Summer School would be held next year, and that its nature would become clearer when Ian Donaldson returned to the Directorship of HRC soon.

3.8 New Members

The Committee noted that Geoffrey Rossiter had been admitted to membership

3.9 Web Site and Database

Nik Fominas reported that the web site was working well. His meeting with Wendy Brazil would be held soon. He indicated that the data she was assembling would be linked to each person's name on the web site as a pop-up page. Members would then be able to send in new or revised text and the site would be up-dated regularly.

3.10 ACT Government White Paper

Nik Fominas reported that he was still in the discussion phase with the ACT Government and that a paper would be drafted soon.

3.11 ANUEF Accommodation – Official Opening

The Committee agreed that it would hold an official opening of the ANUEF Room on Wednesday 10 September 2003 at 5.00 pm. Further details are being developed and will be reported to the next meeting.

3.12 ANUEF Member Identification

The Committee congratulated Nik Fominas on the new membership card. It will be given to members at the meeting with the Deans of Arts and Science (24 July) and again at the Official Opening on 10 September. After which any residual cards would be posted to members.

4. Lecture Series

Chris Bryant reported on the Lecture Series, which is now being held more than once a month due to the large number of topics coming forward from members. The revised schedule follows:

July 16 (Note change of venue to the Large Common Room, University House)
Dr Susan Stocklmayer
Director, Centre for the Public Awareness of Science
'Science on a Shoestring: a Traveller's Tale'

August 6 (Note later start at 5 pm)
Professor Jim Griffin
'John Wren: A life reconsidered'

August 20 (This will now start at 4.00 pm, in the Robertson Lecture Theatre, Research School of Biological Sciences.)
An Emeritus Faculty sponsored ANU Lecture in National Science Week
Professor Graham Durant
Formerly of Glasgow University, now newly appointed Director of Questacon.
'Science Communication: Beyond Public Understanding?'
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September 17
Professor Michael Greenhalgh
Professor of Art History, ANU
Provisional title: 'Limits to teaching on the World Wide Web'

October 15
Dr Anthony Proust
Book launch: 'Companion of the History of Medicine in Australia 1788 – 1939'

October 29 (Note later start at 5 pm)
Professor Jerzy Zubrzycki
'On the Condition of the Working Class 1891 – 2002 (Thoughts on a papal encyclical)'

November 19
Professor Robin Stanton, Pro-Vice Chancellor, ANU
'The Creative Commons: Keeping Ideas free in the Information Society
(from an information technology perspective)'

Chris Bryant agreed that he would soon place following lecture in the 2003 schedule:
Warwick Williams *The Campus Plan.*

5. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer tabled the monthly accounts, which showed a balance of $1,971.98 in members' funds, and the Committee resolved that they be received and that all payments be authorised.

The Committee went on to discuss which unfinancial memberships should be cancelled and a list was approved. The Secretary will write to those members indicating

cancellation and saying that membership renewal is possible at any time, if desired, on payment of the fee.

6. Other Business

6.1 Wilfred Crow – Coastal Outreach

Chris Bryant reported on an interesting new development in the Far South Coast. A colleague, Wilfred Crow, had expressed an interest in facilitating ANU involvement in this region and wished to address the ANUEF on the matter.

The project involves setting up Creative Technology Centres at Bega and Bermagui covering the creative arts, science, IT and entrepreneurial activities. Funding sources are showing promise. They are the Commonwealth's 'Networking the Nation' Fund, the NSW Office of Information Technology, and local Municipal Councils. Existing CTCs are at Delegate and Eden, with new ones coming soon at Braidwood and Bombala.

The Committee agreed to invite Wilfred Crow to address the ANUEF on these ideas.

7. Next Meeting

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

The August 6 meeting will be held in the Stanner Room, University House, and will be immediately followed at 5.00 pm by Jim Griffin's talk on John Wren.

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