Emeritus Faculty

Australian National University

Minutes of the 42nd meeting of the Committee of the ANU Emeritus Faculty held on Wednesday 3 September 2003 at 4.00 pm in the ANUEF Room, Building 17, Union Court.

PRESENT: John Molony (Chair), Nik Fominas (Web Site Officer), John Grant, Peter McCullagh, Judith Slee, Beryl Rawson, John Sandeman, Peter Scardoni (Treasurer) Giles Pickford (Secretary). **In Attendance**: Peter Gordon (ACT Government), Bruno Yvanovich (Alumni Officer).

1 Apologies

Chris Bryant.

2. Minutes

The minutes of the 42nd meeting were confirmed.

3. Business Arising from the Minutes

3.1 Visit by Peter Gordon, ACT Government

Peter Gordon attended the meeting and spoke about the research and development potential in Government and Business collaboration with the ANUEF. He outlined some of the Government's plans for business development and job creation in the region. He said that the aggregation of over 7,000 scientists in the universities, CSIRO and Defence Sciences was the largest pool of talent and skill in the southern hemisphere, and that if they could all group together on project development the dividends for Canberra would be enormous. There are already four new industries in incubation in the ANU Innovations Building, and many more are feasible.

He said that the Federal Government is now being much more demanding on universities to raise productivity and also it is demanding more support from States and Territories in these areas.

He said that just by looking at the architecture of the City/Campus interface, it is possible to see the extent to which the City and the University have turned their backs on each other. All this has to change and the role of the ANUEF, with all its years of collective wisdom, will be to assist in this transformation.

The Chair thanked Peter Gordon for his vision and commitment and the Committee agreed to become a partner in his endeavours. The following members were elected to form a sub-committee to work with Peter Gordon and to report regularly to the Committee: John Sandeman, Peter Scardoni, and Nik Fominas.

The Secretary will communicate this resolution to Peter Gordon.

3.2 Bruno Yvanovich – new position

Bruno Yvanovich has been appointed Alumni Officer. He spoke about his new role. The Alumni Office is seeking the Assistance of ANUEF in the following broad and evolving projects:

COMMUNICATIONS: including *The National Graduate* Magazine, electronic newsletter, web site and pre-graduation induction programs.
EVENTS: including an Annual Reunion Day, ANU Awards day, Annual Christmas Party, special exhibitions and openings, significant anniversaries such as the ANU's 60th in 2006.
SERVICES: including discounts for Library, Sports Union, ANU Films Club and Concerts; lifelong e-mail, Electronic Journal access, affinity cards, life-style briefings, professional directories, overseas tours, mentoring, and general merchandising.

The Chair congratulated Bruno Yvanovich on his approach to this new project. The Committee noted that the ANU had been the first University in Australia to launch an Alumni Program (in the 1960s) and the first to abandon one. Since then there had been many attempts to get one going again. The Committee expressed its support for the new program and appointed Giles Pickford to be the ANUEF delegate to work with Bruno Yvanovich.

3.3 Wilfred Crow – Coastal Outreach

The Committee noted a letter from the Bermagui Project circulated by Chris Bryant. It agreed that the Secretary should respond to the letter, nominating the following sub-committee to take carriage of this project: Chris Bryant, Peter Scardoni.

3.4 Proposed ANU Festival of the Creative Arts

The Secretary reported that the Vice-Chancellor was considering the ANUEF proposal for a Festival of Creative Arts, to be held around Open Day in 2006, the 60th Anniversary of ANU. The Vice-Chancellor is expected to outline his plans for this occasion in October.

3.5 Integrated Elective

Peter McCullagh reported on progress. The main need at the moment is to engage members of the Emeritus Faculty in the development of a course for 2004. The Secretary was asked to draft an approach to the members and check it with Peter McCullagh and the Chair prior to distribution.

3.6 The Public Intellectual: 2nd ANUEF Conference

The Chair reported that he is approaching speakers at the moment. The Conference will be held over an afternoon in November. The Committee noted the report.

3.7 Summer School for Science Teachers 2004

John Sandeman reported that he had met with Russell Barrow. The project had been adequately funded and was going ahead. He reported that he had not yet seen any feedback from Teachers at the 2003 Summer School.

3.8 Summer School for Humanities Teachers 2004

The Chair reported that a meeting on the 2004 Summer School would be held on Friday 5 September. He would report to the next meeting.

3.9 New Members

The Committee noted that Ray Spear and Colin Steele had been admitted to membership. Total membership is now 84. It agreed to admit Ian Mathews under the Category Five provisions.

3.10 Web Site and Database

Nik Fominas reported that the database was now live on the 'Members' page in the web site. He had included a powerful search engine so that ANU staff and students could search the site by name or by subject. Most of the members' data was yet to be included and the Secretary would shortly circulate members inviting them to submit text which could be attached to their entries in the web page. The Committee congratulated Nik Fominas on this new step forward.

3.11 ANUEF Accommodation – Official Opening

Beryl Rawson reported that preparations were well in hand. Eleven members and Guests had so far RSVPed re attending the dinner at Vivaldi.

4. Lecture Series

The current schedule follows:

September 17 Stanner Room
Mark O'Connor
Australian Poet and Visiting Scholar, Archaeology and Natural History
'Australian Poetry Now: Has the Music Died--or Changed'

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

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

November 19 Stanner Room
Professor Robin Stanton, Pro-Vice Chancellor, ANU

'The Creative Commons: Keeping Ideas free in the Information Society
(from an information technology perspective)'

The Committee noted that Chris Bryant had approached Warwick Williams and a talk on the Campus Plan will occur early in 2004.

5. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer tabled his report which was accepted by the Committee.

6. Other Business

6.1 Retirement Seminars

The Committee noted that t Secretary had spoken at two UniSuper Seminars on 27 and 28 August. The ANUEF had also offered HR Division to run an annual ANUEF Retirement Seminar with speakers from the Faculty, but this idea is yet to be developed.

7. Next Meeting

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

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