Unconfirmed Minutes
Emeritus Faculty
Australian National University

Minutes of the 43rd meeting of the Committee of the ANU Emeritus Faculty held on Wednesday 24 September 2003 at 4.00 pm in the ANUEF Room, Building 17, Union Court.

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

1 Apologies

John Grant, Bruno Yvanovich, Nik Fominas. In giving Nik Fominas's apology Peter Scardoni said that he was absent at an ACT Government Award ceremony where he was receiving an award for his work on the Geoinsight Project. The Committee resolved to congratulate Nik on this honour.

2. Minutes

The minutes of the 43rd Meeting were confirmed.

3. Business Arising from the Minutes

3.1 ACT Government

The Committee noted Peter Gordon's response to the previous meeting with ANUEF. He had said that he was impressed with our operation, and was eager to collaborate. One project which has emerged is the Civic/ANU Interface. Beryl Rawson outlined the concept of the University Entrance and said that she was waiting to hear from Warwick Williams on the ANU view of the matter.

3.2 Cooperation with Alumni Office

Giles Pickford report briefly on this fledgling project with the Alumni Office and concluded that it would be another example of the usefulness of ANUEF to the University.

3.3 Wilfred Crow – Coastal Outreach

The Secretary has responded to the letter from Claudio Pizzaola, nominating the following sub-committee to take carriage of this project: Chris Bryant, Peter Scardoni.

The Committee noted that Wilfred Crow had sent Chris Bryant a lot more information on the activities of the University of Wollongong in the South Coast and, in summary, he had suggested that the ANU needed to move fast if it was going to compete. The Committee resolved to request Bruno Yvanovich to inquire with Lee-Anne Norris on progress with these proposals which Chris Bryant had raised with her previously.

3.4 Proposed ANU Festival of the Creative Arts

The Committee noted that there would be nothing further to report until October.

3.5 Integrated Elective

The Secretary indicated that he had omitted to draft an approach to the members seeking involvement in the 2004 program. The Committee decided that it would be better to invite selected ANUEF members from the Humanities and the Social Sciences to a meeting to hear about the project and be invited to get involved. John Molony was asked to convene such a meeting in collaboration with the Chair.

3.6 The Public Intellectual: 2nd ANUEF Conference

The Chair report that he had discovered that this concept was far more complicated than he originally thought and that it was now clear that the Conference would not be held until next year.

3.7 Summer School for Science Teachers 2004

In the absence of John Sandeman this item was deferred.

3.8 Summer School for Humanities Teachers 2004

The Chair reported that progress was now being made. Law and Political Science, which had been thinking of going it alone had now come into the HRC-managed event and things were starting to move. A budget had been achieved and a plan developed. The theme will be "Australian Democracy: Rights and Wrongs".

3.9 New Members

The Committee noted that Fred Langman had been admitted to membership. Chris Bryant was requested to follow through with the membership application from Mike Gore.

3.10 Web Site and Database

The Committee noted that a request to all members to submit details for the ANUEF database had been sent out, and responses were flowing in.

4. Lecture Series

The Committee noted the current schedule as follows:

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 discussed ideas for 2004, which might include Warwick Williams, Michael Greehalgh, Gordon Ada and Jack Golson.

5. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer reported that liquidity was adequate, but had been reduced by about $700, being the cost of the Open Day Reception. A full set of accounts will be available for the next meeting. He distributed forms for a change in Bank signatories. The Committee agreed that these are now: John Molony, Giles Pickford, Beryl Rawson and Peter Scardoni.

6. Other Business

6.1 2004 Committee Membership

There are two meetings to go before the AGM. It is time for members to consider their positions ahead of the November meetings and indicate their intentions for 2004. Some members indicated willingness to nominate again for 2004. The matter will be discussed further at the next meeting.

The Committee noted that some members would like the Wednesday date to move to Thursday next year. There was no opposition to this change in practice.

6.2 ANUEF Premises

The Committee thanked Beryl Rawson for her generous donation of the potted plants which had lifted the ambience of the main room tremendously. Beryl indicated that the donation would maintain the plants for one year. The Committee also noted that Anthony Proust had donated a bar refrigerator. He was thanked kindly for his contribution.

7. Next Meeting

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

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