Draft Minutes
Emeritus Faculty
Australian National University

Minutes of the 44th meeting of the Committee of the ANU Emeritus Faculty held on Wednesday 5 November 2003 at 4.00 pm in the ANUEF Room, Building 17, Union Court.

PESENT: John Molony (Chair), John Sandeman, Judith Slee, Chris Bryant, Nik Fominas, Beryl Rawson, Peter Scardoni (Treasurer), Giles Pickford (Secretary)

1 Apologies and Welcome

Apologies were received from Peter McCullagh. The Chair welcomed Mac Boot and Ian Mathews as observers.

2. Minutes

The minutes of the 43rd Meeting were confirmed subject to the addition of John Sandeman to the list of apologies.

3. Business Arising from the Minutes

3.1 2004 Committee Membership

The Committee noted that there is one meeting to go before the AGM. The draft notice of the AGM was noted and the venue approved. Ways of encouraging attendance were discussed and Beryl Rawson offered to circulate some suggestions.

3.2 ACT Government

3.2.1 Collaboration with Government and Industry

John Sandeman and Nik Fominas reported on an initiative by the Dean of Engineering and Information Technology under the banner of the 'Canberra Partnership' where FIET was contributing to one of the Knowledge Forums which are part of the ACT Government Initiative. Nik Fominas added that the ANUEF needed to develop a methodology of promoting its 'products', through which it could add to the programs put in place under 'Canberra Partnerships'.

The Committee agreed to add Michael Gore, Chris Bryant and Giles Pickford to the existing membership of John Sandeman, Peter Scardoni and Nik Fominas on the sub-committee which is pursuing these ideas, originally put to ANUEF by Peter Gordon on the meeting of 3 September 2003.

3.2.2 ANU Civic Interface

Beryl Rawson reported that there had been no progress on this matter also raised by Peter Gordon in September. The Committee agreed to add John Grant and Giles Pickford to

the sub-committee of Beryl Rawson and Judy Slee, and requested them to call on Warwick Williams to discuss further action. The point being that it is not feasible for the ANUEF to present views to the ACT Government on the ANU Civic Interface which are not supported by ANU through Facilities and Services.

3.3 Wilfred Crow – Coastal Outreach

The Committee noted that the Secretary has issued an invitation to members to become involved in the South Coast Outreach Project. Chris Bryant reported that the project was in the process of being cleared through the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Education), and that he, Judy Slee and Peter Scardoni would be visiting the Bermagui Group next Thursday 13 November to discuss programs. The Committee noted that it is critical that the ANU indicates support for this initiative by mid-December when the new Bermagui Facility is being opened.

3.4 Proposed ANU Festival of the Creative Arts

The Secretary reported that there had not yet been a decision on this idea for the 60th Anniversary of the ANU in 2006

3.5 Integrated Elective

John Molony reported on a meeting of selected ANUEF members from the Humanities and the Social Sciences which had been most successful in identifying ideas for the Integrated Elective for 2004.

A report from Peter McCullagh summarising the ANUEF experience with the 2003 Course was tabled. The Committee agreed that the ANUEF web site should be made available for the provision of teaching materials in the way suggested by Peter McCullagh. The report was received.

3.6 The Public Intellectual: 2nd ANUEF Conference

This item was deferred.

3.7 Summer School for Science Teachers 2004

John Sandeman reported on progress. There has been good response from teachers and the Summer School is developing well.

3.8 Summer School for Humanities Teachers 2004

The Chair reported that the 2004 summer school for humanities teachers appeared to be unlikely to succeed. The project had been taken over by the National Institute for Social Sciences and Law who were collaborating with the HRC in the implementation process. There had been a poor response from Teachers and it appears that the project may not go ahead this summer.

The Committee resolved to request the Chair to find out in greater detail what had gone wrong with this ANUEF initiative and to report back to the next meeting on whether the project could be rescued for the summer of 2005.

3.9 New Members

The Committee noted that Mike Gore, Mac Boot and Patrick Troy had been admitted to membership.

3.10 Web Site and Database

Nik Fominas reported on improvements to the web site. The Committee noted that sixteen members had added their CVs to the web site and that this facility would be promoted to members in the next newsletter.

4. Lecture Series

The Committee noted the current schedule is as follows:

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)' *(Note: After the meeting Robin Stanton withdrew. The Secretary endeavoured to fill the gap but did not succeed. The event has been cancelled.)*

Chris Bryant reported on ideas for 2004, which might include Warwick Williams, Michael Greehalgh, Gordon Ada, Jack Golson, Nancy Sever and Henry Nix.

5. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer tabled his report. Members funds stood at $1,112.93 and all indications are that we will finish the year with a small surplus. He reported that Alan Barton would soon conduct the Audit of the final accounts which close on 30 November.

6. Other Business

7. Next Meeting

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

Chris Bryant and Giles Pickford both apologised that he would not be able to attend the meeting of November 26, but that both would be nominating for election to the Committee for 2004.

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