CONFIRMED MINUTES

Emeritus Faculty
Australian National University

Confirmed minutes of the 49th meeting of the Committee of the ANU Emeritus Faculty held on Wednesday 7 April 2004 at 3.30 pm in the ANUEF Room, Building 17, Union Court.

PRESENT: John Molony (Chair), Mac Boot (Secretary), Peter Scardoni (Treas.), Beryl Rawson, Judy Slee, Ian Mathews, Giles Pickford, Peter McCullagh, Nik Fominas, and Chris Bryant.

1 Apologies

Apologies were received from John Sandeman, and Bruno Yvanovich.

2. Minutes

The minutes of the 47th meeting were read and confirmed (PS/BR)

3. Business rising from the Minutes

3.1 The South Coast Outreach Project

Judy Slee reported that all proposals for work in the outreach project would be channelled to the committee through the manager of the Bermagui Technical Centre. Questions regarding delivery of programs requested by the Technical Centre would be referred to Professor Stanton for discussion and response.

3.2 Membership

Bruno Yvanovich reported through the Treasurer that members were responding well to the call for renewal of membership and that 60 members had already renewed their membership for the year.

3.3 ANUEF support for graduate students in the School of Art

Giles Pickford reported on the meeting between himself, the ANUEF Chairman, John Molony, and the Director of the School of art, Professor David Williams, called to discuss possible ways that the ANUEF might help to support graduate students in the School of Art. It was noted that the Faculty already circulated members in support of the School of Art Patron's Day. Giles reported that the School was hoping to establish a small fund to assist graduate Students with the purchase of art materials, and that the director had enquired about possible ways the Faculty could assist that project.

Motion; The committee moved that the members of the Faculty be circulated with a note outlining the need for support among graduate students at the School of Art and suggesting ways that support might be given by members of the Faculty.

3.4 Computing Facilities

Nik Fominas outlined improvements to the ANUEF web site be put in place shortly to make it easier for faculty members to keep in touch with each other. They include an interactive data based events page; an improved member data base that can accessed by member password and where members may change their own protected entries;

and the publication of a new web-based newsletter for faculty members. It is expected that the Emeritus will be moved to a more powerful server by the end of May. Over the following month it will be progressively upgraded and members will be provided with passwords.

4. Reports

4.1 Ph.B Arts (Honours) unit in Human Rights

The Chairman, John Molony, reported that members were approached to give seminars in the course on rights. Negotiations are still under way with Jeremy Shearmur in respect of the course.

4.2 Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer tabled his report which was read and accepted.(HMB/IM)

4.3 ANUEF Science program

Peter McCullough reported that the program scheduled for the first semester 2004 had been rescheduled to the second semester to make it easier for interested students to fit the program into their overall honours year program of studies.

4.4 ANUEF lecture series

Giles Pickford presented a written report listing the record of lectures given in the series since 2000, and of the program of lectures for 2004. The report is appended at the end of these minutes. Empty slots are still available for September and October, and invited interested members to get in touch with Giles Pickford. His addresses are listed at the end of his report. Giles also reported the need to hold a plebiscite of Faculty members with regard to the timing of the meetings of the lecture series. Two new activities for faculty members this year: a bus tour (possibly to the Eureka celebrations at Ballarat, Victoria, in November 2004) and a wine tasting. Dates to be provided.

Resolution: The committee resolved that Giles circulate a set of words among committee members as the basis for the plebiscite, for approval before taking the plebiscite.

4.5 Member Newsletter

Ian Matthews, presented a model copy of the Faculty newsletter to be circulated among faculty members and senior university.

5.2 Computing Facilities

The secretary reported that computing and printing facilities for the Faculty office were being sought actively and a report would be given at the next meeting.

The meeting closed at 4.30 pm.

The next meeting of the committee will be held on April 7, at 3.30 pm at the ANUEF rooms, Building 7, Union Forecourt.

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