Emeritus Faculty
Australian National University

Confirmed minutes of the 55th meeting

Confirmed minutes of the 55th meeting of the Committee of the ANU Emeritus Faculty held on Wednesday 6 October 2004 at 3.30 pm in the ANUEF Room, Building 17, Union Court.

PRESENT: Peter McCullagh (Chair), Mac Boot (Secretary), Beryl Rawson, John Sandeman, Judith Slee, Nik Fominas, Ian Mathews, David Walsh, and John Grant .

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from John Molony, Peter Scardoni, Giles Pickford and Chris Bryant.

2. Minutes

The minutes of the 54th meeting were read and confirmed.

3. Business arising from the Minutes

3.1 ANUEF Lecture Series: Public Forum on Canberra and its National University

In a written report, Giles Pickford reported that the event was attended by about 20 people, including students ,staff and citizens. Members of the ANUEF attending included the ANUEF Chair, John Molony, Giles Pickford, Verna Rosling. The Vice Chancellor , Professor Ian Chubb, chaired the meeting, and the principal speakers were Ted Quinlan, MLC, and Brendan Smyth, MLC. There was a useful exchange of ideas for the future. The compere reminded the audience that there were only 13 people at the last supper, so quality does not always depend on quantity in such fora.

3.2 Joint Schools National Summer Schools

John Sandeman reported that invitations are being sent out for the National Science Teachers Summer School which will be held in the second week of January. The deadline for acceptances is the first week in November.

3.3 Application of D. Dwyer (Under category 5 rules)

Consideration of the application was held over to the next meeting until more detail was received.

3.4 2005 Annual ANUEF Lecture

Members were asked to bear in mind the names of visitors, and others, who might be persuaded to give the Annual Lecture, or to give a lecture in the series generally.

3.5 Letterbox for the Front door

In a written note from Giles it was noted that Warwick Williams had indicated that he would prefer not to make any further alterations to the building until further notice.

4. Reports

4.1 New Members

No new members were reported. Notice was given that Bruno Yvanovich had officially resigned as membership secretary, following his appointment to another job.

4.2 Member Newsletter

Ian Mathews reported that the latest member newsletter had been sent out to members. He also presented an early draft of the next newsletter. The dead line for material for the next newsletter is the first week of November.

4.3 Events Officer's Report

In a written report the Events Officer announced the draft Lecture series for 2005 as follows:

Feb. 16, Malcolm Whyte, ' Practical, useful lessons from addiction'

March 16, The Vice Chancellor. 'University governance: what does it mean to us?'

April 20 A major conference led by Don Anderson and Dick Johnson. Details available later.

He also reported that although the dead line for joining the excursion to Ballarat had passed the list had reached 15 members and was still growing.

4.4 Treasurer's Report

In the Treasurer's absence due to illness no report was received.

4.4 Chairman's report

The Chairman, Peter McCullagh, reported that John Molony's letter regarding university funding had appeared in The Australian newspaper on Tuesday 6 October, and that the matter had been the subject of a sub-editorial statement in the Canberra Times Monday 5 October. It was reported that John Molony had sent a sympathy card and a letter to Yvonne Scales.

5. Other Business

5.1 University gateway to the City

John Grant reported the City West Master Plan extending University Avenue into the University was now under consideration. He reported that David Lamont had been appointed a consultant to further communications between the University and the National Capital Authority. The committee agreed to thank Warwick Williams for his progress report, and his agreement to suggest a meeting between the committee and David Lamont.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 4.15 pm..

7. Next Meeting

The next meeting will take place at the ANUEF meetings room in the Union Forecourt at 3.30 pm., on 3 November 2004.

HMB 22 October 2004.