Emeritus Faculty
Australian National University

Confirmed minutes of the 56th meeting

Confirmed minutes of the 56th meeting of the Committee of the ANU Emeritus Faculty held on Wednesday 3 November 2004 at 3.30 pm in the ANUEF Room, Building 17, Union Court.

PRESENT: John Molony (Chair), Mac Boot (Secretary), Beryl Rawson, John Sandeman, Giles Pickford, Nik Fominas, Peter Scardoni, Ian Mathews, Chris Bryant, David Walsh, and John Grant .

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Peter McCullagh.

2. Minutes

The minutes of the 55th meeting were read and confirmed.

3. Business arising from the Minutes

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

Giles Pickford reported that the rather disappointing turnout to the forum reflected in part a relative lack of interest among the Canberra public in local issues at a time when a national election was directing voter interest to larger national issues; it also reflected possible failure to advertise the Forum more effectively within the University. Overall however, the forum had been very useful and had helped to focus the attention of the leaders of the two main local political parties on issues affecting the relations between the ANU and the ACT Government.

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

Mr Dwyer's application was discussed and his application was accepted and confirmed. (In reaching this decision the committee noted that Mr Dwyer had been regularly attending ANUEF Functions and had been great assistance in the expedition to Eureka. So in that sense, the need to have had previous involvement with the ANU had been met.)

3.3 University gateway to the city

John Grant reported that Warwick Williams had agreed to pass on to David Lamont the proposal that he should meet with the committee to discuss issues related to the proposed university gateway to the city. John will report back to the committee when David Lamont has been contacted.

4. Reports

4.1 New Members

Two new members, Peter Jubb and John Ballard were reported and welcomed to membership of the Faculty.

Several applications under category 5 rules were considered and deferred by the committee. In anticipation of further applications being received from persons whose limited association with the ANU might cause them to fall outside category 5 rules, the committee considered the possibility of creating a new category of 'associate member' of the Faculty. The Committee agreed to defer consideration of this suggestion to the incoming committee for 2005.

Existing members were reminded of the need to renew their membership. The committee resolved that members who had not yet renewed their membership should be asked to pay their 2004 fees when the notice for 2005 membership renewal is issued.

4.2 Member Newsletter

Items recommended for inclusion in the next newsletter included Notices and reports, such as the Chairman's Report issued at the annual general meeting; a report on the National Youth Science Forum, the gateway to the university, the Human Rights course, and the relocation of the Faculty office to new premises behind the Law Faculty building.

4.3 Events Officer's Report

Giles reported on a proposal to sponsor, as a major event, a conference on the Federal Parliament and the Australian Constitution to be held probably in July or September 2005. The Committee appointed a subcommittee to consider the proposal and to report. Members of the Committee are Giles Pickford, John Grant, Nik Fominas, and Peter Scardoni.

It was also suggested that as part of the ANUEF lecture series, Kirsty Sward be invited to give a lecture in the 2005 series.

4.4 Treasurer's Report

In the Treasurer's report was received and accepted.

A proposed budget for 2005 was also received and accepted. It was recommended and approved that the Treasurer's proposal to increase the annual membership fee to $20 be recommended to the Annual General Meeting in December.

The Treasurer reported that Alan Barton may not be able to fulfil his role of Auditor this year. The committee unanimously agreed to permit the Treasurer to approach a responsible person in the university to act as Auditor for the Faculty 2004 accounts in Alan's place.

4.4 Chairman's report

The Chairman reported a meeting with Warwick Williams and Chris Coughlan regarding the future of the ANUEF offices. Warwick Williams had proposed that the faculty be relocated to a demountable building behind the Law Faculty building, to allow the present offices to be used by the Faculty of Arts for academic purposes. The move would take place probably before Christmas, 2004.

The Chairman also gave notice that he did not intend to stand for office in 2005. The committee unanimously expressed its disappointment at the announcement and its appreciation of the work that John had put into establishing the faculty and guiding it through the early years of its life.

5. Other Business

5.1 **Proposed Master's degree in Systems Security**

Nik Fominas reported on a proposal from Saker Security Consulting outside the university for the ANUEF to broker a new unit or course leading to a Graduate Diploma or master's degree in Systems Security. The Committee appointed a subcommittee of John Sandeman, Nik Fominas, Peter Scardoni to look further into the proposal and to report.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 5.00 pm..

7. Next Meeting

The next meeting will take place at the ANUEF meetings room in the Union Forecourt at 3.30 pm., on 24 November 2004.

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