ANU Emeritus Faculty

Unconfirmed Minutes

Unconfirmed Minutes of the 59th meeting of the ANUEF Committee held at 3.30 pm on Wednesday 2 February 2005 in the Molony Room, Fellow's Lane Cottage, Fellow's Lane.

1. Apologies

Ian Mathews, John Grant and John Sandeman.

2. Minutes

The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting were noted subject to David Walsh's apology being added.
The Minutes of the 58th Committee Meeting were confirmed subject to David Walsh's apology being added.

3. Business Arising from the Minutes

3.1 Election of Deputy Chair

The Committee noted that one of the existing Committee members needs to be appointed Deputy Chair. The matter was deferred to the next meeting. Any member interested in nominating was asked to contact the Secretary.

3.2 Revision of Constitution and Membership Rules

The Committee discussed a proposal to amend the Constitution which had been prepared by Barry Ninham and Peter Stewart. The changes fell into two categories, the first being changes which would allow for, and encourage, a national approach in our programs and in membership, as befitting Australia's national university. The second were administratively necessary changes which need to be made regardless of the decision on the national approach.

The Committee agreed that the draft should be reviewed and revisions submitted to the next meeting by Chris Bryant, David Walsh and Giles Pickford.

4. Reports

The Committee considered the following reports.

4.1 ACT Govt. & Industry John Sandeman
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4.2 ANU Civic Interface John Grant

A message from John Grant was received. It stated, in part, as follows: The Civic ANU Interface Committee will be meeting with Warwick Williams mid February.

4.3 Media Ian Mathews
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4.4 Web Site Nik Fominas

Nik Fominas tabled a new design for the web site which was adopted by the Committee. The Committee noted that the Home Page is the only part housed in the ANU, and that the 'back office' of the web site continues to be housed in Nik Fominas's server, free of charge. The Committee agreed that the Chair should continue to lobby Chancelry for space on the DOI server for all of the ANUEF Web Site.

4.5 Membership Officer Verna Rosling

Verna Rosling reported that the 2005 membership renewal would take place in February.

4.6 External Outreach Barry Ninham

This item was covered in reports under item 3.2 and 5.3

4.7 Ideas for the Future Peter Stewart
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4.8 Office Manager David Walsh

The Committee discussed the relocation of the Office in which David Walsh had taken the leading role. David was congratulated on the new arrangements.

4.9 Events Giles Pickford

4.9.1 ANUEF LECTURE SERIES
The Committee noted that a request for speakers had gone out to the membership in late December. So far only three speakers had volunteered: Malcolm Whyte, Hans Kuhn and John Mulvaney. The Committee agreed that it did not want the series to fade away and members offered to drum up a bit more interest in the Series amongst colleagues.

4.9.2 ANUEF 2005 EXCURSION
The Committee agreed that the Secretary should investigate the idea of an excursion on 9 November to the Bong Bong Picnic Races.

4.9.3 ANUEF 2005 CONFERENCES
(a) The Committee noted that Don Anderson, Dick Johnson and Larry Saha are working on a Conference on 'Changes in Academic Life' which would be held later in the year, probably October.
(b) The idea of having a Conference on the Australian Constitution was endorsed, but it needs a working group to lead it. The item was deferred to the next meeting.

4.10 University Briefings

The Chair reported on discussions with Chancelry about the 'University Briefings' concept which had been outlined to, and accepted by, the 2004 Annual General Meeting.

The Committee noted that the idea was raising interest and that it might be ready to implement in the second semester.

4.11 Treasurer's Report

The Committee adopted the Accounts which were tabled by the Treasurer, and approved the payments, including a refund to Nik Fominas for the cost of a laminating machine used in making the membership cards.

5. Other Business

5.1 Molony Room

The Committee noted that the Director, Facilities and Services, had approved the name Molony Room. Draft Signage was tabled and approved.

5.2 Proposed Annual Report

Barry Ninham suggested that the ANUEF needed an Annual Report which contained within it a section which described the areas of interest and activity of the members. The Committee agreed that a formal report to the ANU Council was essential and the Secretary was asked to gather the information together and present it to the next meeting.

5.3 Proposed Extension of Membership and Chapters

The Committee noted that Barry Ninham had proposed that the ANUEF should seek to extend its membership to the ANU retiree Diaspora and friends in far places. The Committee agreed that such applications were acceptable under the existing Membership Guidelines, and the following applications were approved.

Peter Lane: Geologist, worked for Woodside Petroleum/Burmah Oil. Author 'Geology of Western Australian National Parks'. Shire Councillor at Margaret River shire. APPROVED under Category 5.

Michael McCall: Visiting Fellow JCSMR circa 1970. Interested in Epidemiology and the rehabilitation of land and streams. Approved under Category 4.

Bill Castleden: Previously Professor of Surgery at UWA, Chair of Doctors for Environment Australia. APPROVED under Category 5.

5.4 Emerging Artists Support Scheme

The Committee approved the text of a letter to members seeking donations to the ANU School of Art Emerging Artists Support Scheme.

6. Meeting Schedule

2 March, 6 April, 4 May, I June, 6 July, 3 August, 7 September, 5 October, 2 November,30 November, **AGM** 7 December.

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