ANU Emeritus Faculty

Minutes

Minutes of the 65th meeting of the ANUEF Committee held at 3.30 pm on Wednesday 3 August 2005 in the Molony Room, Fellows Lane Cottage, ANU.

PRESENT: Peter McCullagh (Chair), Peter Stewart (Deputy Chair), Peter Scardoni (Treasurer), John Sandeman, John Grant, Nik Fominas, David Walsh, Di Riddell, Verna Rosling, Ian Mathews, Giles Pickford (Secretary)

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Barry Ninham.

2. Welcome

The Chair welcomed Di Riddell to her first meeting.

3. Minutes

The Minutes of the 64th meeting were confirmed.

4. Reports

4.0 Chair's Report Peter McCullagh

4.0.1 Honours Electives
The Committee briefly discussed a proposed new elective on Tolerance, Equity and Diversity.

4.0.2 ANUEF Briefings project.
The Chair stated that this concept had not met with much support and said the project is now in abeyance.

4.0.3 Proposed ANUEF/CSIRO Conference on Commercialisation of Research
The Chair reported that he had had discussions with a previous CSIRO Division Head about a proposed Conference or Seminar on this topic.

4.0.4 Visit by DVC (Education) – Debriefing
The Committee had a round table discussion about the visit from the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Education). Giles Pickford reported that the ANU had included the ANUEF address secretary.emeritus@anu.edu.au on the distribution list for broadcast messages sent by the Chancelry to all ANU staff and students. These notices will be relayed to members by the Secretary.

The main issue raised in discussion was access to the Library's e-journals. The Committee agreed that this would provide a huge boost to the members' benefits list and would assist in membership recruitment.

The meeting felt that the response from the DV-C (Education) on this matter needed clarification. The Committee realises that there is a cost to the University involved in this service. But it should be possible to more than offset these costs by including ANUEF Publications (which are many) in the DEST research quantum which attracts Commonwealth funding to the University.

It was resolved to write to the DV-C (Education) seeking clarification on this issue.

4.1 ANU Civic Interface John Grant

John Grant reported on the latest developments as follows.

4.1.1 Seminars on City Planning

A series of seminars on Civic planning issues titled "Living City" is under way at the Canberra Museum and Gallery. The series is sponsored by Terry Snow (Canberra International Airport). Participation is by invitation and the ANUEF ANU/Civic Interface Committee is now on the invitation list.

4.1.2 PV-C Community

Professor Penny Oakes has recently been appointed as Pro Vice-Chancellor (University Community). Although her role relates primarily to the on-campus community there will inevitably be aspects of this which involve interaction with the wider community. In both respects there would seem good reason for the ANUEF to establish a good working relationship with her. Professor Oakes is located adjacent to the Molony Room.

4.1.3 Lindsay Prior Memorial Lecture

As members will know, Lindsay Prior was an internationally recognised ANU plant scientist. Among many other things he played a major role in the creation of University Avenue. The Committee suggests that the Faculty establish an annual lecture in his name with the objective of bringing town and gown together to hear the views of one/two/three speakers on the development of Canberra City and in particular aspects of the relationship, both physical and human, between the ANU and the City.

4.1.4 Updates from Director (Facilities)

The Committee proposes that it continue to liaise with the Director (Facilities), Warwick Williams, with a view to keeping Faculty members informed of developments linking the ANU and Civic.

The Committee thanked John Grant and his group for the work they are doing and adopted the report, subject to the proposed Lindsay Prior Lecture being accommodated in the ANUEF Lecture Series.

4.2 Media Ian Mathews

Ian Mathews reported on his plans for the proposed ANUEF Brochure. His ideas were approved and he was congratulated on this initiative.

4.3 Membership Officer Verna Rosling

Verna Rosling and Peter Scardoni reported negatively on the idea about a PO Box at the ANU Union Post Office. Basically it means more expense and more work. It was agreed not to pursue the idea any further.

4.4 External Outreach Barry Ninham

The Committee discussed the need to respond rapidly to ideas and issues raised by the outlying members of the Faculty. It was agreed to defer this item to the next meeting when Barry Ninham will return from overseas.

4.5 Ideas for the Future Peter Stewart

Peter Stewart tabled a draft questionnaire to members. The Committee endorsed the questionnaire in general, and asked members to read it through carefully and refer any ideas to Peter Stewart. It was also suggested that members Dick Johnson and Don Anderson should be asked as experts in the design of survey instruments to look at the questionnaire before it is distributed.

4.6 Office Manager David Walsh

Members discussed the move to new quarters in the Fellows Lane Cottage which is now nearly completed. The draft instruction to Committee Roster members was tabled, but it is still incomplete as the whereabouts of various components is still unknown.

The Committee noted that the next step was to create a roster, but this should be delayed until the results of the questionnaire are too hand.

4.7 Events Giles Pickford

The Committee noted the following schedule of events:

August: Ken Taylor on Canberra Landscapes
September: Vic Elliott on e-publishing
October: Penny Oakes on the ANU Community
November: Hans Kuhn on Sir Richard Baker and his Meditations and Disquisitions
December: Linda Botterill on Drought Policy in Australia (followed by ANUEF Christmas Party).

4.8 Proposed Social Program Di Riddell

Di Riddell reported on an extensive proposed social program, which will be canvassed in the questionnaire to members. She also proposed an honours system for drinks involving both cash and chit elements. The report was adopted in general but implementation will depend on the members' responses to the questionnaire.

4.9 Treasurer's Report Peter Scardoni

The Treasurer's Report was tabled. The Committee noted that the members' equity stood at $2,473.00 in the Credit Union. It was resolved to accept the Accounts and to agree to the disbursements therein.

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ACTION SHEET

Name	Action	Status
JS/NF	Security Specialists Course	Continuing
JS	Solar Energy	Continuing
IM	Produce next 'News'	
IM	Produce ANUEF Brochure	
VR	Follow through on Member Renewal	Continuing
GP	Committee Members' Roster instructions	
PSt	Devise Members' questionnaire	Done
DR	Implement Social Program	Deferred
DR	Implement Honour System for Drinks	
DW	Create Office Roster	
PM/GP	Write to DV-C (Ed) re access to e-journals	
PSt	Implement Questionnaire to members after checking With DJ and DA	