ANU Emeritus Faculty

MINUTES

Minutes of the 66th meeting of the ANUEF Committee will held at 3.30 pm on Wednesday 7 September 2005 in the Molony Room, Fellows Lane Cottage, ANU.

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from John Grant, Verna Rosling and Nik Fominas.

2. Minutes

The Minutes of the 65th meeting were confirmed.

3. Reports

3.0 Chair's Report Peter McCullagh

3.0.1 Honours Electives

The Chair reported that there had been no further developments. There was a discussion about whether there was a need for the ANUEF Committee to formally oversee course curricula and staffing.

One view was that the ANUEF is not in a position to validate a course. The course under discussion was the sustainability course which is offered under the auspices of SRES. It was suggested that we need to differentiate between courses which are part of the ANU degree programs, and courses such as the now defunct Summer Schools, which are non-degree courses.

The other view was that the ANUEF Committee ought to have oversight of the ANUEF component of any course, even though the overall course was offered by a teaching unit of the ANU.

The debate was deferred to the next meeting for further discussion.

3.0.2 Proposed ANUEF/CSIRO Conference on Commercialisation of Research

It was agreed that this proposed Conference might be feasible in 2006. Barry Ninham was asked to investigate the idea and report back. The Academy of Science might also partner the event.

Also, Ian Mathews was asked to work with Barry on drafting a note to all members outlining the proposed symposium and calling for comment and expressions of interest.

3.0.3 Letter to DV-C re Library Access

The Committee noted the letter that had been sent to the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Education), and the replies from Malcolm Gillies and Robin Stanton to the questions raised. Giles Pickford was asked to discuss the ideas in the two letters with the Director of the ANU Alumni Association. We need to understand the role of Convocation and the ANUEF's position in regard to Convocation, and its possible links to the Alumni, and to report back to the next meeting.

3.0.4 ANUEF Briefs

The Chair reported that a venue had been suggested at a cost of $55 an hour. The amount of teaching time left before the beginning of the second period is now insufficient for any further development of this project this year. The matter was deferred to a meeting next year if appropriate.

3.1 ACT Govt. & Industry John Sandeman

3.1.1 Security Specialists Course

John Sandeman reported that there were no further developments to report

3.1.2 Solar Energy Project

John Sandeman suggested that an ANUEF Conference on 'Energy Options for Australia' might be a good idea, and that Andrew Blakers might be interested in being one of the organizers. He was asked to develop the idea further and report back to the next meeting. The Committee agreed that Ian Mathews should include this development in his note described in 3.0.2, and that John Sandeman and Barry Ninham should collaborate in this project.

Peter Scardoni pointed out the potential synergies between proposed ANUEF Conferences and the ANUEF Briefings concept.

3.2 ANU Civic Interface John Grant

In the absence of John Grant, the Committee deferred this item to the next meeting.

3.3 Media Ian Mathews

Ian Mathews gave an outline of the next Newsletter which would have to run to 10 or 12 pages because of two quite large obituaries. The Committee agreed to extend the size of ANUEF News from the customary six pages (double sided) when it was necessary.

3.4 Membership Officer Verna Rosling

In the absence of Verna Rosling, the Committee deferred this item to the next meeting.

3.5 External Outreach Barry Ninham

Barry Ninham asked if the ANUEF was ready to adopt the idea that there should be a national organization for university retirees and that the ANUEF ought to lead it. He stated that although the July Special General Meeting had adopted a more open stance to membership criteria, he felt that there had not been any overt decision to develop a national organization. He saw the present web statement entitled **Welcome to the Australian National University Emeritus Faculty** as a beginning, but that a full adoption of the aforementioned policy would have to result in a name change and changes to the Objectives which are in the Constitution.

Baryy Ninham stated that there was an interest around the country in the concept of a national organization for university retirees and that he was confident that the ANU was the right University to lead with that idea.

Ian Mathews suggested nothing makes an organization more attractive than the successes it has already had, and that the ANUEF could become the de facto national organization anyway. This could even precede a constitutional change.

It was agreed to put these questions to the December AGM in order to establish the views of the membership much more clearly. Barry Ninham and the Secretary were asked to develop a proposal which could be put to the AGM and report back to the next meeting. Also Peter Stewart was asked to foreshadow this initiative in his text on the home page.

3.6 Ideas for the Future Peter Stewart

The Committee noted that the questionnaire had been distributed to members. Peter reported that there had been 12 responses to date which amounted to 10% of membership. He stated that an analysis of responses would be ready for the next meeting.

3.7 Office Manager David Walsh

The Committee noted that the Office was now looking a lot better. It requested David Walsh to make sure that all the various pieces of equipment were all working properly.

3.8 Events — Giles Pickford

The Committee noted that the 2005 Program is now complete. The Committee discussed ideas for 2006, including the first Lindsay Pryor Lecture. Some names were suggested for the first four Lectures next year.

3.9 Proposed Social Program Di Riddell

The Committee noted that the results of the questionnaire would reveal the level of interest in the social program. It also agreed that the honour system for drinks needed to be promulgated.

3.10 Treasurer's Report Peter Scardoni

The Treasurer tabled the monthly financial statement. The Committee approved all payments and noted that the members' equity stood at $2,473.00

GP 10/9/05

ACTION SHEET

The ANUEF Action Sheet is essentially a check list of things that people are expected to do, either before the next meeting, or on a continuing basis.

Name	Action	Status
BN	Develop Conference on 'Research & Commerce'	
BN/GP	Develop national retirees concept	
PMcC	Question of ANUEF Briefs viability in 2006	
JS/NF	Security Specialists Course	Continuing
JS	Develop 'Energy Conference' ideas	
IM	Produce next 'News'	
IM	Produce ANUEF Brochure	
VR	Follow through on Member Renewal	Continuing
DR	Implement Social Program	
DR	Implement Honour System for Drinks	
DW	Check all equipment working	
PSt	Analyse Questionnaire responses	
GP	Develop 2006 Lecture Program	
GP	Committee Members' Roster instructions	
GP	Discuss Library Access with Alumni Director	