ANU Emeritus Faculty

MINUTES

Minutes of a meeting of the ANU Emeritus Faculty Committee on Wednesday 30 November at 3.45 pm in the Molony Room

PRESENT: Peter McCullagh (Chair), Peter Stewart, Barry Ninham, John Sandeman, Nik Fominas, Verna Rosling, Peter Scardoni, David Walsh, Giles Pickford

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from John Grant and Ian Mathews.

2. Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on 2 November 2005 were confirmed subject to changes to item 3.0.1 and 3.6. The revised Minutes are attached.

3. Business Arising from the Minutes

3.1 Letter to DV-C re Library Access

The Secretary tabled an answer from the Alumni Director concerning access to e-journals in the ANU Library system. It appears that all financial members who have paid $50 for a Library Card are able to access all e-Journals.

3.2 ANUEF Conference on Energy

Barry Ninham reported on a meeting with Mary-Anne Waldren and Megan Bird of the Australian Science Festival. It is proposed that the ANUEF convene a two-and-a-half day Conference on Earth, Air, Energy and Water during the period of the Australian Science Festival 12-20 August 2006, with the last half day being a Public Forum in Manning Clark 1 which would be televised or broadcasted nationally. The notional budget is between $6,000 and $10,000. Funding help from the ANU and/or Government agencies would be needed.

3.3 Introductory Brochure

In the absence of Ian Mathews this matter was deferred.

4. AGM Issues

4.1 Nominations Received

The Committee noted that the following nominations were received prior to the deadline of 22 November:

1/11 Giles Pickford
2/11 Nik Fominas

2/11 Peter Scardoni
7/11 John Molony
16/11 John Sandeman
16/11 Barry Ninham
21/11 Di Riddell

The Committee noted that the following nominations had been received after the deadline:

Peter Stewart
John Grant
Ian Mathews

It was agreed to inform the Returning Officer that the remaining vacancies would be filled by the new Committee in 2006 by cooption.

4.2 Notice of Motion to Change the Name of the ANU Emeritus Faculty

The Committee discussed the Notice of Motion submitted by Barry Ninham and Peter Stewart to change the name of the Faculty.

The Committee noted some feedback from members who were worried by the possibility of losing ANU support, which has been generous in the past. Also there was concern about adverse reaction to the new name from sister universities.

To meet the latter concern the mover and seconder agreed to change the proposed name to Australian National Emeritus Faculty.

To meet the first concern it was agreed to discuss the motion with the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Education). The Committee agreed that it would not take the motion as binding the new Committee in 2006. Rather the discussion at the AGM would be used to guide the new Committee which would have the task of negotiating the change with the ANU.

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Minutes of the 67th meeting of the ANUEF Committee held at 3.30 pm on Wednesday 2 November 2005 in the Molony Room, Fellows Lane Cottage, ANU

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Giles Pickford, David Walsh and Di Riddell.

2. Minutes

Minutes of the 66th meeting were confirmed

3. Reports

3.0 Chair's Report Peter McCullagh

3.0.1 Honours Electives

Concerns were expressed about the validity of accreditation of the Honours Elective Course, and the importance of the ANUEF imprimatur for the course. It was recorded that for any future courses offered under the ANUEF sponsorship, the adequacy of the courses, or changes to existing courses, should require consideration and approval of ANUEF Committee.

Peter Stewart suggested that a similar oversight role be adopted by ANUEF for publications which use the ANUEF as an address.

ANUEF notes that it has no objections to its members using the ANU Emeritus Faculty address on their publications. However, to ensure that the content of the publication is acceptable in a general scholarly sense, and meets standards appropriate to the ANU, the ANUEF Committee requires that the title, author's names, publishing agent, and a brief statement of its content (summary, if available) be provided to the Committee before submission for publication.

The Committee will provide a prompt response to such requests for using the imprimatur of ANUEF. This is not meant to be a review process but is aimed to ensure that the ANUEF does not become involved in the publication of views which are contrary to ANU's standards of scholarship, research, and informed judgment.

3.0.2 Proposed ANUEF/CSIRO Conference on Commercialisation of Research

This item has been deferred for consideration to a later date.

3.0.3 Letter to DV-C re Library Access

In the absence of Giles Pickford the Committee deferred this item until the next meeting.

3.1 ACT Govt. & Industry John Sandeman

3.1.1 Security Specialists Course

Progress Reports Nos 5 & 6 by Saker Security Consulting, were tabled.

It was suggested that there be a presentation to ANU and external Company stakeholders bringing them up to date on issues arising out of the Reports. A steering Committee would need to be set up involving the ANU

It was noted that it would probably be 2007 before the Course would be up and running.

3.1.2 Solar Energy Project

Barry Ninham and John Sandeman spoke to the item. It was suggested that the ANUEF might like to set up a debate on the whole gambit of energy in the same way as the Commercialisation of CSIRO. Another suggestion was to follow up enquiries on the possibility of an exhibition and publicity on all current technologies in the area of energy saving, bringing in industry.

John Sandeman reported that the Chief Minister of the ACT had stated that Canberra was the most energy sustainable city in Australia. John wrote to the Chief Minister about energy efficient cost benefits but as yet has not received a reply.

3.2 ANU Civic Interface John Grant

John Grant tabled the publication *Civic: The Living City* by Terry Snow. ANUEF was invited to comment on the publication.

John also noted that the ACT Chief Minister announced prior to his re-election that he would be seeking to have the ACT nominated as a UNESCO Biosphere Reserve. This decision followed lobbying by a committee of ANU Visiting Fellows supported by the ANU Centre for UNESCO. John suggested that the ANUEF may be able to make a positive contribution to this development and said he would report further.

3.3 Media Ian Mathews

Ian reported that the contents of the last Newsletter stimulated a lot of interest among our members, some members making the point that until they had read the Newsletter they had not been aware of ANU's role in the reported Parliamentary inquiries.

Ian is waiting for contributions from members for the next Newsletter.

Ian also reported that a draft of the ANUEF Introductory Brochure would be submitted for approval to the AGM in December. The Brochure should be ready for publication in January 2006.

3.4 Membership Officer Verna Rosling

Verna Rosling had nothing to report on Membership.

3.5 External Outreach Barry Ninham

Barry Ninham again stated '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'. However, he still has not a clear picture of where the ANUEF wants to go in the future.

From a national outlook Peter Stewart referred to the Emeritus Faculty Questionnaire stating there was a strong and positive feeling among members and a general satisfaction of what we were doing. A crucial decision was whether we are truly going to be a national organization as it could impact on our Statement of Aims and relationship with the ANU.

The possibility of an association with the University of the Third Age was raised. It was noted that U3A had a national membership and that it could be a good way to expand our membership. Some of the points to be considered were whether there were common interests, membership guidelines, the ANU's view on the use of the Molony Room for U3A Lectures, legal issues and how an association with U3A would fit in with our Constitution.

Ian Mathews suggested we should retain our name but work in with U3A, but maintaining a clear division. He also pointed out that we should not lower our current standards.

It was agreed that the ANUEF Committee should consider these issues further.

Barry Ninham will make a report to the AGM in December on External Outreach

3.6 Ideas for the future

The results of the Emeritus Faculty Questionnaire are attached.

Peter Stewart has already referred to the responses in 3.5 above.

There were 20 responses to the Questionnaire from a membership of 122 which was considered an acceptable response. Comments by respondees were strong and positive and there was general satisfaction with the ANUEF. Lectures held in the Molony Room were well regarded. There was interest in using the Molony Room more frequently. However, the questionnaire showed little demand for social activities

A summary statement on the results of the Questionnaire will be published in the next Newsletter.

3.7 Office Manager David Walsh

In the absence of David Walsh the Committee deferred this item to the next meeting.

3.8 Events Giles Pickford

3.8.1 Lecture Series

In the absence of Giles Pickford the Committee noted his Report on the 2006 Lecture Series.

3.8.2 ANUEF Excursion for 2006

Approval was given to the proposed ANUEF excursion for 2006 to the Adelaide Festival, outlined in 3.8.2 of the Agenda. The Committee agreed that approval be given subject to interest by members and provided the Festival did not clash with any other ANUEF activities .

3.9 Proposed Social Program Di Riddell

Di Riddell was not present at the meeting but e-mailed a proposal in regard to the honour system for drinks.
The Committee agreed to the proposal that pricing for drinks should be $1.50 for beer and $1.00 per glass of wine, and that members should not be allowed to run up an account.

3.10 Treasurer's Report Peter Scardoni

The Treasurer tabled the monthly statement .The Committee approved all payments and noted that members' equity stood at $2,123.18.

4. 2006 Major Dates

For noting

Committee	Lecture Series
1 Feb	15 Feb (Fenner)
1 Mar	15 Mar
5 Apr	19 Apr
3 May	17 May
7 Jun	21 Jun
5 Jul	19 Jul
2 Aug	16 Aug
6 Sep	20 Sep
4 Oct	18 Oct
1 Nov	15 Nov
29 Nov	
6 Dec (AGM)	13 Dec (+ Christmas Party)

The Meeting closed at 4.40pm.

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/JS	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/BN	Develop 'Energy Conference' ideas	
IM	Produce next 'News'	
IM	Produce ANUEF Brochure	
VR	Follow through on Member Renewal	Continuing
DR	Implement Honour System for Drinks	

DW	Check all equipment working	
PSt	Analyse Questionnaire responses	
GP	Develop 2006 Lecture Program	Begun
GP	Committee Members' Roster instructions	Begun
GP	Discuss Library Access with Alumni Director	Ready to report