ANU Emeritus Faculty

Minutes

Minutes of the 71st meeting of the ANU Emeritus Faculty Committee held on Wednesday 1 March 2006 at 3.30 pm in the Molony Room, Fellows Lane Cottage.

PRESENT: John Molony (Chair), Peter Stewart (Deputy Chair), John Sandeman, Di Riddell, Nik Fominas, John Grant, Adrian Brooks, Angela Giblin, Giles Pickford (Secretary)

1. Apologies and Welcome

Apologies were received from Barry Ninham, Peter Scardoni and Ian Mathews. The Chair gave a warm welcome to the two new members Adrian Brooks (previous Professor of Law UNSW) and Angela Giblin (previous Head of Voice, ANU School of Music).

2. Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on 1 February 2006 were confirmed.

3. Business Arising from the Minutes

2.1 Cooption of two New Members

The Committee resolved to co-opt Adrian Brooks and Angela Giblin to the Committee to fill the last remaining vacancies.

2.2 Portfolios

The Committee agreed to allocate the following portfolios:
Adrian Brooks – To be decided
Angela Giblin – Excursions
Barry Ninham – Outreach
Di Riddell – Membership Officer
Giles Pickford – Events
Ian Mathews – Media
John Grant – ANU Civic Interface
John Sandeman – Relations with ACT Government and Business
Nik Fominas – IT and Web Site
Peter Scardoni – Treasurer
Peter Stewart – The Future

2.3 Use of the Molony Room by other Groups

The Chair noted that the premises (the Molony Room and the Meeting Room) were being used by the following groups:

1. ANU Emeritus Faculty (The Chair uses the premises 5 days a week, and we hold all our meetings and the ANUEF Lecture Series here),
2. The Association for Tertiary Education Management (Treasurer uses the premises 5 days a week and the Secretary one day a week),
3. The Country Education Foundation of Australia (The CEO uses the premises 5 days a week),
4. RAPlink (This group holds its regular meetings in the meeting room),
5. The Nature and Society Forum (This group holds its regular meetings in the meeting room)

6. The Meningans (This group, which raises funds for an ANU rugby scholarship, holds its regular meetings in the meeting room),
7. U3A (This group will be using the meeting room for its small classes from January next year)

The Committee agreed that the request for space for the Independent Scholars Association not be approved for reasons of insufficient space.

4. Reports

4.1 2005 Colloquium on Energy
John Sandeman reported on the Program for the Colloquium on 18 August, part of the Australian Science Festival. The report was noted.

4.2 Proposed ANUEF/CSIRO Conference on Commercialisation of Research
The matter was deferred in the absence of Barry Ninham.

4.3 ACT Govt. & Industry

4.3.1 Security Specialists Course
Nik Fominas reported that Bill McCallum's final report had been submitted

4.3.2 Solar Energy Project
John Sandeman reported that the ACT Government was building a demonstration energy efficient house.

4.4 ANU Civic Interface
John Grant reported that a meeting of his Committee would be held prior to the next ANUEF Committee to discuss the Lindsay Pryor Memorial Lecture with the Chair and Secretary.

4.5 Media
The matter was deferred in the absence of Ian Mathews.

4.6 Membership Officer
(a) Di Riddell reported that the 2006 membership renewal notices would be sent out next week.

(b) The Chair opened a discussion on how CSIRO Retirees could be encouraged to Join ANUEF. The Committee noted that we have a CSIRO Retiree in our membership – Jan Anderson RSBS, and it was agreed to approach her about this project.

4.7 External Outreach - Federation of Emeritus Faculties Inc.
The Chair reported that the Outreach/Future portfolio convenors had met with him and the Secretary to discuss how best to create a Federation of Emeritus Faculties. It was felt that there was no need to make any more changes to the Constitution or the web document explaining the ANUEF and its programs.

It was agreed that the best way forward was to set about creating other Emeritus Faculties in other Universities. There is nothing in the Constitution which prevents such an initiative. Once there are several in existence, the idea of a Federation could be proposed.

4.8 Ideas for the Future

Peter Stewart reported that he had been working on the affiliation arrangements with U3A. The proposal, which is attached to these Minutes, was adopted and authorized for publication in *ANUEF News*.

4.9 Web Site Officer's Report

Nik Fominas reported that he was making steady progress in discussions with the IT people at ANU concerning the ANUEF need to be able to house all of its web pages and the associated back office within the ANU system. At present only the Home Page is housed at ANU, while the other pages are distributed around other servers, some in Melbourne.

4.10 Events

The Events Officer reported that the schedule for the remainder of 2006 was as follows:
March 15 - John Sandeman on Global Warming
April 19 -
May 17 -
21 June - Stephen Boyden on the Nature and Society Forum
July 19 -
August 16 -
September 20 - Lindsay Pryor Memorial Lecture
October 18 -
November 15 -
December 13 - ? followed by ANUEF Christmas Party

Ideas for future speakers were discussed and the Chair agreed to follow them up.

4.11 Excursions

Angela Giblin outlined some ideas for excursions in 2006. The ideas were accepted. John Molony suggested an historical excursion to the Kelly Country and wineries. This was also accepted.

4.12 Treasurer's Report

In the absence of the Treasurer, the Secretary tabled the Accounts. The Committee approved the expenditures and noted that the members' equity stood at $2,054.65.

4.13 Creation of an Education Fund

In the absence of the Treasurer this matter was deferred.

5. General Business

5.1 Article by Professor Glyn Davis

The Chair reported on an article in the *Australian Financial Review* by the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Melbourne. It was agreed that the Secretary should have the article copied and circulated to the Committee for discussion at the next meeting.

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ACTION SHEET

John Sandeman
Finalise program and budget for the 2006n Colloquium on Energy

Barry Ninham
1. Develop Seminar on Commercialisation of Research
2. Work with Chair on creating other Emeritus Faculties

Di Riddell
Complete Membership Renewal process

Giles Pickford
1. Speak to Jan Anderson about CSIRO Retirees
2. Circulate Glyn Davis's article for discussion at the next meeting (*Done 6/3/06*)

Nik Fominas
Continue to liaise with ANNU IT about housing the web site on campus.

John Molony
1. Approach potential speakers for the ANUEF Lecture Series
2. Work with Angela Giblin on the Kelly Country Excursion

Angela Giblin
Develop ideas about excursions for 2006

Peter Scardoni
1. Assist Di Riddell with membership renewal
2. Prepare a report on the proposed Education Fund.

Collaboration between ANU Emeritus Faculty and University of the Third Age

The University of the Third Age (U3A) is an educational and cultural organisation of national and international reach that provides courses and activities, in a relaxed social environment, for older members of the community. The aim of U3A is to encourage activity in retirement through lifelong learning.

U3A's courses, now more than 100 in the ACT, involve no examinations or awards, and provide a wide range of opportunities for its members – as learners or as presenters. The courses and activities cover, among others, literature, languages, current affairs, philosophy, belly dancing, art, music, film, and science. The ACT branch of U3A has more than 3,000 members, each paying a small annual membership fee ($25 singles, $40 couples) plus further small charges for participation in particular courses.

U3A's aims and activities have much in common with those of ANU Emeritus Faculty.

Following discussions between Alan Bellett (U3A representative and ANUEF member) and John Brook (U3A course presenter), and Giles Pickford and Peter Stewart (ANUEF committee representatives), it was agreed that because of the common interests and goals, the following arrangements between the two organisations be established:

(i) the two organisations place general information about their particular aims, strategies, and activities on each other's web sites: www.anu.edu.au/emeritus/ and www.u3acanberra.org.au ;
(ii) through the websites, ANUEF alert appropriately qualified members of U3A to the benefits of membership of ANUEF;
(iii) U3A alert members of ANUEF of its need for additional course presenters for new and existing courses taught by U3A;
(iv) ANUEF members be alerted to courses taught by U3A, and informed of procedures for participation in these courses by way of the U3A course prospectus (via the website, or as hard copy, available in the Molony Room);
(v) ANUEF offer its committee room as a venue for appropriate U3A courses or meetings under similar conditions of access as now provided for other ANUEF affiliates (Association for Tertiary Education Management (ATEM), RAPLink, Nature and Society Forum, Country Education Foundation of Australia).

In addition to these specific arrangements, ANUEF proposes continuing collaboration between the two organisations, with the aim of generating further arrangements of mutual benefit to both organisations.

Meantime, ANUEF members are especially encouraged to consider presenting courses within the U3A framework by contacting John Brook (phone 02 6253 1128) or Alan Bellett (02 6292 8144; pabellett@dodo.com.au).

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