ANU Emeritus Faculty

MINUTES

Minutes of the 73rd meeting of the ANU Emeritus Faculty Committee held on Wednesday 3 May 2006 at 3.30 pm in the Molony Room, Fellows Lane Cottage.

PRESENT: John Sandeman (Acting Chair), Di Riddell, John Grant, Adrian Brooks, Giles Pickford (Secretary)

1. Apologies and Welcome

Apologies were received from John Molony, Peter Stewart, Barry Ninham, Angela Giblin, Peter Scardoni, Nik Fominas and Ian Mathews

2. Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on 5 April 2006 were confirmed.

3. Reports

3.1 2006 Colloquium on Energy

John Sandeman reported on progress and the Committee discussed the program and budget. Depending on sponsorship, the budget might need to be trimmed. The Committee agreed that the $4,000 promotion in the Australian Science Festival Program would be the first deletion if there was a budget short fall.

3.3 ACT Govt. & Industry

3.3.1 Security Specialists Course

This item was deferred.

3.3.2 Solar Energy Project

This item is in abeyance.

3.4 ANU Civic Interface

John Grant reported that the ANU Chancellor, Allan Hawke, would give the first Lindsay Pryor Memorial Lecture. This was most welcome news. There would be two respondents which tentatively will be Ken Taylor and Annabelle Pegrum. The Secretary is to book the Coombs Theatre for the event.

3.6 Membership Officer

(a) Di Riddell reported on the membership renewal process. Thirty members had not yet renewed, but as the reminder letter had only gone out recently, the matter was left in abeyance to the next meeting.

(b) CSIRO Retirees. The Committee noted that at the last meeting a sub-committee of John Molony, Barry Ninham, Peter Stewart and Adrian Brooks was appointed to take the matter further. Revisions had been proposed to the draft letter. In the absence of three of the four members of the sub-committee, this matter was deferred to the next meeting.

(c) The Committee discussed broadening its membership to the other tertiary institutions in the ACT, and to retirees from other national institutions such as the National Library, Parliamentary Library, War Memorial, National Gallery and the National Gallery. Some target contacts were discussed and the matter was deferred to the next meeting.

3.7 External Outreach - Federation of Emeritus Faculties Inc.
The Committee needs to formulate a plan for the creation of new Emeritus Faculties in other ACT Universities. A contact at the University of Canberra was identified and the matter was deferred to the next meeting.

3.8 Ideas for the Future
A discussion on web site arrangements with U3A was listed for the next meeting.

3.9 Web Site Officer's Report
Deferred

3.10 Events
Giles Pickford tabled the latest iteration of the ANUEF Lecture Series. The Committee approved the listed events.

3.11 Excursions
Deferred

3.12 Treasurer's Report
The Treasurer has undertaken to produce the monthly accounts in time for distribution with the Minutes. The accounts are attached, but at this stage they have not been accepted by the Committee.

The Secretary reported that the Treasurer had stated that the creation of the ANUEF Education Fund would involve setting up a separate account with the Credit Union and that this would occur when a sum of money had been accumulated for transfer into the Fund.

4. General Business
There was no general business. The meeting closed at 4.20 pm.

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ACTION SHEET

John Grant
Confirm respondents for the Lindsay Pryor Lecture

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

Barry Ninham
Work with Chair and Adrian Brooks on expanding the membership to include CSIRO and other tertiary institutions

Di Riddell
Complete Membership Renewal process

Giles Pickford
Book Kioloa for November Seminar
Book the Coombs Theatre for the Lindsay Pryor Lecture

Nik Fominas
Work on reciprocal arrangements with U3A for both web sites

Angela Giblin
Develop ideas about excursions for 2006