ANU Emeritus Faculty

Minutes

Minutes of the 76th meeting of the ANU Emeritus Faculty Committee held on Wednesday 2 August 2006 at 3.30 pm in the Molony Room, Fellows' Lane Cottage.

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

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Peter Scardoni, Adrian Brooks and Ian Mathews

2. Minutes

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

3. Reports

3.1 2006 Colloquium and Forum on Energy

John Sandeman reported on progress. All speakers were now confirmed, the fundraising drive had created a surplus of $3,646 in the account but the final surplus will not be known until after the event is over and all bills have been paid. The final surplus will be banked into the ANUEF Education Fund and used for future projects as they occur.

The Committee discussed a range of details and the Secretary stated that he would produce a running sheet for the week which would incorporate all actions that had to be taken and who would carry them out. The Chair congratulated John Sandeman and his group on having achieved a splendid project which should bring great credit to the Faculty.

3.3 ACT Govt. & Industry

No action

3.3.1 Security Specialists Course

No action

3.3.2 Solar Energy Project

No action

3.4 ANU Civic Interface

(a) The Committee noted Beryl Rawson's report on a meeting with Warwick Williams. It was agreed that the web site for the ANU Exchange should be circulated to all members.

(b) The Committee noted that the Chancellor Allan Hawke, Ken Taylor and Annabelle Pegrum are all available for the Lindsay Pryor Memorial Lecture which has been moved to Tuesday 26 September at the Coombs Theatre.

3.6 Membership Officer

Di Riddell reported that there had been a slow response to the phone campaign, but some of the unfinancial people had renewed. The Secretary reported that Veronica Ninham would be applying to join, but that the papers had not yet arrived.

3.7 External Outreach

(a) The Secretary admitted that, due to work pressures, he had not yet sent the invitation to join the ANUEF to Rod Williams, Craig Rugless and Andrew Johnson. He said that this would be done soon.

(b) John Grant said that he will arrange a meeting with the Chancellor of the University of Canberra to meet with the Chair and himself to talk about a similar Faculty at the University of Canberra.

3.8 Ideas for the Future

Peter Stewart reported that the affiliation with U3A had been formally agreed and members informed through the 10th edition of the ANUEF *News*. Similar arrangements had been made by U3A and one enquiry to present at a U3A session had already been received by John Sandeman.

Peter Stewart was granted leave of absence until December as he is working with the indigenous people of the East Kimberly until that time.

3.9 Web Site Officer's Report

Nik Fominas reported that the Colloquium and Forum on Energy was now complete and on the ANUEF web site. He stated that he had been waiting for Barry Ninham to return before beginning the move of the web site to the RSPhysSE server.

3.10 Events

The Committee noted that the 2nd circular about the Kioloa Seminar and BBQ had been sent to members via the 10th edition of *News*. The Committee agreed that at the next meeting it would have a detailed discussion of the Lindsay Pryor Memorial Lecture and the Kioloa event.

The Committee noted that the next event would be the Iain McCalman lecture on 16 August followed by the ANUEF Energy Colloquium and Public Forum on 18 August. Nik Fominas was asked to talk to Iain McCalman about his audio-visual needs.

3.11 Musical Excursions

Angela Giblin reported that she had received some enquiries about *Operatunities*, but they were scattered over the selection of events and there were not enough for any one event to create the possibility of a discount. However, the Committee agreed that momentum may build slowly, and the project is certainly providing added variety and interest to the ANUEF overall offerings to its members.

3.12 Treasurer's Report

In the absence of the Treasurer the Secretary stated that the ANUEF accounts had not changed since the last meeting. There had been a lot of activity in the Colloquium Account, but this is now separate from the ANUEF accounts.

4. General Business

4.1 FASTS Membership.

The Committee agreed that consideration of taking out FASTS membership be delayed until the next time the CHASS membership was to be debated in 2007.

4.2 Timing of Lecture Series

The Committee debated the timing of the ANUEF Lecture Series. The current time of 5.15 pm had been chosen in order to avoid the problem of the lack of parking. However, the lateness of this hour meant that the Lectures closed at around 6.15 pm, question time was truncated, and most members did not stay on to socialise.

It was agreed that the Lecture Series be moved to 4.00 pm from the October Lecture, which is Beryl Rawson on "The Roman Family: them and us". The Secretary will inform members about the change.

4.3 Policy on Use of the Molony Room

The Committee considered a request from the Australian Reproductive Health Alliance for use of the Molony Room. It was agreed that the Molony Room should only be used by organisations who have a member of the ANUEF who could be held responsible for its use.

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