ANU Emeritus Faculty

MINUTES

Minutes of the 78th meeting of the ANU Emeritus Faculty Committee held on Wednesday 4 October 2006 at 3.30 pm in the Molony Room, Fellows' Lane Cottage.

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

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Peter Stewart, Barry Ninham, Ian Mathews and John Grant.

2. Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on 6 September 2006 were confirmed.

3. Reports

3.1 2007 Colloquium on Water

The Colloquium Committee, comprising Barry Ninham, Dingle Smith, John Molony, Giles Pickford, and Alistair Watson (corresponding member) met on 26 September 2006. The Committee noted the minutes of this meeting, approved the draft program and agreed that Professor Ian White and Dr Paul Perkins be invited to join the Committee. The theme "Water Matters" was adopted.

3.2 Lindsay Pryor Memorial Lecture

The Committee discussed the recent Lindsay Pryor Memorial Lecture and agreed to congratulate John Grant on this very successful event. In the absence of John Grant, a report on the event was tabled by the Secretary. The Committee asked the Chair to thank the Chancellor, Ken Taylor and Annabelle Pegrum for their contribution.

There was some discussion about whether other ANU Pioneers should be included in a series of lectures of this nature, but there were no conclusions reached at that stage.

3.3 Membership Officer

(a) Di Riddell reported on membership renewal. The Committee agreed that final notices about lapsed memberships should go out to the 20 unfinancial members in early November so that the electoral roll for the 2007 Committee elections can be finalised.

(b) The Committee noted that there were three Category 5 applications (Veronica Ninham, John Copland and Robin Poke). The Committee agreed that all three memberships should be approved.

(c) The Committee noted the following new members: Noel Dunbar, Tony Pryor, and Max King.

3.4 Web Site Officer's Report

(a) Nik Fominas reported on the new discussion forums which he had created at this address: http://www.anu.edu.au/emeritus/# . He described how the forums would work and be

managed by Moderators. The Committee congratulated Nik on his work which continues to underpin so many of our programs.
(b) Nik also reported on moves to either move the ANUEF web site to the ANU network, or to house it on a separate machine in the Molony Room. He stated that a conclusion to these negotiations should be reached soon.

3.5 Events
(a) The Secretary reported on the Kioloa Seminar and BBQ. The 3rd and final notice needs to be sent out to members in the next few weeks. So far we have 20 bookings and they need to be allocated rooms according to a plan provided by Kioloa. It was agreed that the 3rd Notice would need to include information on room bookings plus the cost of attendance (which will include rent plus the opening lunch, the BBQ and Breakfast the next day. Peter Scardoni agreed to assist, and also to invite Henry Nix, Bill Packard and Campbell McKnight.

On the question of the third theme in the Program, the Committee agreed that the Chair and Secretary should finalise this matter as soon as possible.

(b) The Committee agreed to organise an excursion to the Louth Races on 11 August 2007. Members interested in attending can find this event at this URL: http://www.louthraces.com/ John Molony undertook to investigate the availability of Shearers' quarters in nearby Stations.

(c) Angela Giblin announced that the title of her address on 21 February would be "Wanted: Schubert - dead or alive". The Secretary offered to find a venue with a piano for this event.

3.6 Treasurer's Report
(a) The Treasurer tabled the monthly accounts for the Faculty and they are accepted and the payments approved. The Committee noted that Members' Equity stood at $3,833.41.

(b) The Treasurer tabled the interim accounts for the 2006 Colloquium on Energy. The Committee noted that sponsorships from the ANU and the ASF were still outstanding, but when they were paid the Colloquium would have made a reasonable surplus of around $2,660.

4. General Business

Angela Giblin stated that there were not enough expressions of interest in "Operatunities" to create significant discounts for group bookings for musical events in Sydney and Canberra. She said that next year the program would be posted at her site in the discussion forums as an information service to members.

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