ANU Emeritus Faculty

AGENDA

Minutes of the 79th meeting of the ANU Emeritus Faculty Committee held on Wednesday 1 November 2006 at 3.30 pm in the Molony Room, Fellows' Lane Cottage

PRESENT: John Molony (Chair), John Sandeman, Adrian Brooks, Barry Ninham, Nik Fominas, Peter Scardoni (Treasurer), Giles Pickford (Secretary)

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Peter Stewart, John Grant, Di Riddell, and Ian Mathews.

2. Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on 4 October 2006 were confirmed.

3. Reports

3.1 2007 Colloquium on Water

The Committee noted the submission to DEST for seed funding and the Minutes of the first meeting of the Colloquium Committee. It was noted that the membership of the Committee would be John Molony (Chair), Barry Ninham, Peter Stewart, Paul Perkins, Ian White, Angie Carter (ASF Limited), Karen Hussey (ANU Water Initiative), Alistair Watson (Corresponding Member), Nik Fominas (IT Officer), Giles Pickford (Secretary).

3.2 Proposal for Affiliation

A proposal for affiliation from the Poets' Lunch at ANU was approved unanimously.

3.3 Membership Officer

The Secretary tabled a report from Di Riddell on the 16 unfinancial members. The Committee agreed that 4 should be archived; 5 had joined in November and should therefore not be asked for a fee until next year. For the remaining 6 it was agreed to wait and see if any of them attended the AGM and to request a fee at that point. If they did not attend they would be archived.

The Secretary reported that "archiving" consists of deletion of the postal and e-mail addresses. Reinstatement is easily accomplished by inserting these two addresses.

The Committee noted two new members with pleasure: Ian Buckley and David Corbett.

3.4 Web Site Officer's Report

(a) Nik Fominas reported that the new discussion forums were ready, but that a major clerical task remained of e-mailing each of the 150 members with their passwords. He said that because of his current workload with the CEF, this would not be achieved until mid-December.
(b) Nik reported on the ANUEF Server. He said that it was not possible to house the ANUEF Interactive Web Site anywhere in the ANU Network because of the corporate firewall. The ANU had offered to set up a separate facility for the Faculty for a charge of $1,200 a year. The Committee agreed that the ANUEF could afford a one-off cost, but not an annual fee. Nik was authorized to communicate this to the ANU.
(c) Nik reported that ANUEF Members can, if they show their membership cards, obtain the Academic Staff rate for all software and hardware purchases at Harris Technology at Fyshwick.

It was agreed that this concession should be added to the Members' Benefits List and communicated to members.

3.5 Events

(a) The final notice on the Kioloa Seminar and BBQ was noted. The Chair stated that he hoped it would be possible after the event to table a statement about the findings from the Kioloa Seminar at the ANUEF AGM, and, if adopted, issue the statement to the Media. Barry Ninham agreed, but said that the statement should also be circulated to the entire membership for comment before being released to the Media.

(b) In regard to the ANUEF Excursion to the Louth Races on 12 August 2007, John Molony indicated that he will report to the next meeting on the availability of Shearers' quarters in Stations near Louth, and on the condition of the Burke/Louth and Cobar/Louth roads.

3.6 Treasurer's Report

(a) The Treasurer tabled the monthly accounts for the Faculty. The Committee noted that the Members' Equity stood at $3,018.94.

(b) The Treasurer tabled the accounts for the 2006 Colloquium on Energy. The Committee noted that the ANU and the Australian Science Festival sponsorships had not yet been received. The Treasurer undertook to follow through on these matters.

4. General Business

4.1 AGM

The Committee noted that the notice of the 2007 AGM and the Chair's annual report have been posted to members. Nominations for twelve Committee members have been called and will be considered at a special meeting of the Committee on 29 November 2006.

4.2 Membership for Wives/Husbands of Deceased Members

The Committee agreed that the wives or husbands of deceased members should be offered full membership of the Faculty. As this matter is a By Law it will be put to the AGM. The new section is highlighted.

The revised By Law is attached.

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Membership By Law

The following people are regarded as eligible for membership of the Emeritus Faculty:

Former Academic Staff

All former ANU academic staff members, either full-time, or part-time or holding fractional appointments, of two years standing or more: or a substantial period of time as a Research Assistant.

Former Members of Council

All former members of the ANU Council.

Former General Staff

All former general staff of the rank of ANU 8 or higher, who have served two years or more at that level.

Visiting Fellows

All ANU Visiting Fellows or former Visiting Fellows who have retired from employment at another University, having been employed by a University for two years or more.

Former staff of other universities and similar institutions

Applicants who come under this category must be brought to full Committee for eligibility as invited members to be determined.

Wives and Husbands of Deceased Members

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