

## ANU EMERITUS FACULTY

### Draft Minutes of 132<sup>nd</sup> Committee Meeting

The 132<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the ANUEF Committee was held on Wednesday 7 September 2011 at 2.00 pm in the Molony Room, Fellows Lane Cottage, ANU.

It was preceded by the 12<sup>th</sup> Collegiality Lunch (no set theme) – members were not notified beforehand and attendance was limited to members of the Committee.

**PRESENT:** John Molony (Chair), Judith Caton (Acting Secretary), Mike Rickard, Barry Ninham, Di Riddell, Verna Rosling, Nik Fominas, Ian Buckley, Mark Cranfield.

#### **1. Apologies**

Giles Pickford, Angela Giblin, Peter Scardoni

#### **2. Minutes**

The minutes of the 131<sup>st</sup> meeting were confirmed.

#### **3 Business Arising from the Minutes**

##### **3.1 New Premises (Attachments 1 and 2 for filing)**

The rooms in the Chemistry building are to be the permanent home of the Emeritus Faculty and the Chair noted that our requirements need careful thought and planning. Nik Fominas and Peter Scardoni have had further discussions with the University's architects, and the architects' preliminary plans are filed with the minutes. Further suggestions were made and the architects are to come back to the Faculty with the final plans. No fixed date for the move has been given.

##### **3.2 Membership Rules**

Discussions centred on the definition of the word 'retired' as problems have arisen with a small group of members. The Emeritus Faculty has had its constitution vetted by ANU lawyers, thus the Committee felt that it was unnecessary for further consultation with the legal officers on the matter of membership rules. It was considered that the Committee at their regular meetings could deal with any problems.

Applications from prospective members who do not have direct connections with ANU (some 10% of the current membership) will be discussed first by the Committee before being invited to join the Emeritus Faculty. It was moved by Don Anderson that there was no need to redefine the membership rules and that these would be monitored yearly by the committee: seconded Mike Rickard; accepted unanimously.

##### **3.3 Membership Growth Strategies & SSUA**

This Item was deferred.

#### **4. Reports**

##### **4.1 Membership Officer's Report**

Twelve people have been recorded as not paying their subscriptions for 2011. It is necessary to check whether they have paid by direct debit through the credit union, as no details are provided to the Faculty about these details. Di Riddell will contact the credit union and then email any members who are not financial.

Di Riddell has collected all the membership records into one folder that needs to be kept in a secure place as it contains personal information.

An application for membership was received from Alex Ritchie, a retired Palaeontologist from the Australian Museum, now living in Canberra. His application was accepted by the committee. Verna Rosling reported that the Emeritus Faculty Auditor, Alan Barton, was not at all well. The Chair reported that the Foundation Professor of Geography, Basil Johnson, and the first Director of NARU, Peter Loveday, had both died recently.

#### **4.2 East Coast Project**

John Molony reported that he is about to start writing. He will include more detail on the Dieppe maps, which are important for the following reasons:

1. Their authenticity – he does not doubt that the origin of the maps was Portuguese.
2. That the maps depict the East Coast of Australia is arguable, but can present a strong case based on naming of geographical features.
3. The Dieppe maps were produced between 1530-40 (in France)

It can be argued that Cook knew of the existence of the Torres Strait, but it is a tenuous argument that he had any previous knowledge of the Endeavour River. The Dieppe maps ended at Warrnambool where the mahogany ship was seen over a 60-year period. The question arises whether it was a wrecked Portuguese caravel. After one of the ships was lost the maps terminated as the rest of the fleet turned and sailed back up the East Coast., perhaps stopping at Batangabee Bay.

#### **4.3 Treasurer's Report**

The Treasurer's report was deferred until the next meeting, as the Treasurer was unable to attend.

#### **(4.5) 4.4 Lecture Series**

The Committee noted the follows schedule:

21 September - Sally Ninham *A Cohort of Pioneers, Australian postgraduates and American postgraduate degrees*

19 October - Ian Young, ANU Vice-Chancellor (title and abstract to be submitted) – Attachment 3 for filing

16 November - Adrian D'Hage *The Dangers of Religion and US Foreign Policy in the Middle East*

14 December Committee + ANUEF AGM + Christmas Party

While it was noted that no abstract had as yet been received from the Vice-Chancellor, the Secretary had written briefing notes for him. A copy of these are filed with the minutes.

## **5. New Business**

### **5.1 End of Year Cocktail Party**

If the new premises are available we would have a perfect opportunity to 'open' them at this function. Peter Scardoni and Giles Pickford will have a detailed report for the October meeting.

### **5.2 A Basis for Optimism**

It was decided that an audit in particular of members' activities during the past 5 years was needed to show that the Emeritus Faculty had not been resting on its laurels. The Chair was to contact Ian Matthews about collecting small 'bios' from all members for regular inclusion in 'Emeritus'. Our membership is seen as valuable resources – as individuals, as academics and as a whole

Graham Hugo was suggested as a possible collaborator as he has contributed to studies of the demography of retirees.

### **5.3 Other Users of the Molony Room**

Nik Fominas reported that he had spoken to other users of the Molony Room about turning off lights and air conditioning when they leave.

### **5.4 Centenary of Canberra**

The Secretary has started work on this matter and should be able to report to the October meeting.

## **6. Meetings Schedule**

The Committee agreed to the following Schedule of meetings in 2011. All Committee meetings will start at 2.00 pm, preceded by the Collegiality Lunch at 12.30 pm.

5 October

2 November

14 December Committee + ANUEF AGM + Christmas Party

The meeting concluded at 3.05 pm.