

ANU Emeritus Faculty
Annual Report to Council, 2005

This report covers the 2005 calendar year

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Chair's Report to the 6th ANUEF Annual General Meeting 7 December 2005

First I extend my thanks to the Committee we elected this time last year for their time and generosity. Each member gave significant service to the Faculty.

Office Bearers

Peter Stewart: Deputy Chair

Giles Pickford: Secretary

Peter Scardoni: Treasurer

Members with portfolio

John Sandeman: ACT Government & Industry

John Grant: ANU Civic Interface

Giles Pickford: Events Officer

Ian Mathews: Media Officer

Barry Ninham: Outreach

Peter Stewart: The Future

Nik Fominas: Web Site Officer

Verna Rosling: Membership Officer

David Walsh: Office Manager

NEW PROJECTS

1. On the initiative of Barry Ninham, whose portfolio is 'Outreach', the Faculty discussed broadening the membership base at a Special General Meeting on 20 July 2005. This meeting agreed to amendments to the Constitution and the Membership By Laws that opened the membership up to a potentially national coverage. A further move in this direction is a name change which will be discussed today.
2. Peter Stewart, whose portfolio is 'The Future', conducted a comprehensive survey of members. The results of the survey will be featured in the next edition of 'News', and will guide the new Committee in 2006.
3. The Faculty donated \$5,000 in April towards the Emerging Artists Support Scheme of the ANU School of Arts. The Director of the School has reported as follows:

“After careful consideration, the School of Art is proposing the Emeritus Faculty Scholarship should be a \$5,000 award for students completing their graduate studies in 2006. This is perhaps our area of greatest student need - those in the final year of the master or PhD studies. It would also allow the School to "value-add" to our 30th Anniversary Year package of merit-based Scholarships available - we would then have the Ergas, Emeritus Faculty and EASS Patrons' Awards on offer. Our idea is to announce the Honours Scholarships (Ergas & EASS Patrons) on December 2 and the Graduate Scholarships (including the Emeritus Faculty and EASS Patrons) during the Graduate Season of exhibitions in February/March 2006.”

Members of the Faculty will be invited to these events.

CONTINUING PROJECTS

4. John Sandeman, with Mike Gore, Nik Fominas and Peter Scardoni, have made some progress with the ACT Government and industry on solar research; and on a course in security against terrorism which involves ADFA. There are plans for a major ANUEF Conference next year on Energy and Water which has evolved from the solar energy project.
5. John Grant, Beryl Rawson and Judy Slee have been involved in the design and redevelopment of the area between Civic and the ANU. One idea that has arisen is an Annual Lecture named for Lindsay Prior. Lindsay Prior was an internationally recognised ANU plant scientist. Among many other things he played a major role in the creation of University Avenue. The Faculty, on the recommendation of the group, has established an annual lecture in his name with the objective of bringing town and gown together to hear the views of one/two/three speakers on the development of Canberra City and in particular aspects of the relationship, both physical and human, between the ANU and the City.
6. More improvements have been made to the ANUEF Web Site, under the management of Nik Fominas. New features are being added regularly. Our continuing hope is that the web site and database will one day be given enough space to be housed in the ANU Computing Service. At the moment the bulk of it is on Nik Fominas's own server.
7. The Lecture series this year included talks by Malcolm Whyte, John Mulvaney, Ian Rae, Ian Chubb, Malcolm Gillies, Ken Taylor, Vic Elliott, Penny Oakes, Hans Kuhn and Linda Botterill.
8. Ian Mathews has done a splendid job with the quarterly 'News' and has also worked on an introductory brochure for the Faculty. The 'News' has, under his experienced editorial guidance and research, come to represent a most valuable source of useful information for Faculty members. All of us are substantially in his debt.
9. The ANUEF Excursion to the Adelaide Festival of Ideas never happened, as there were not enough members interested to get the discount available for a group booking.

AFFILIATIONS

We have affiliations with outside organisations.

- RAPLink, which has become even more useful with our involvement in a joint project called Rustic (Rural Students in the Community).
- CHASS (Council for the Humanities and Social Sciences). This group, Chaired by Malcolm Gillies, is a new Lobby which will promote the interests of the Humanities and Social Sciences to governments and industry.
- The Country Education Foundation. This group, whose CEO is Nik Fominas, has been established to assist rural towns throughout Australia to encourage young school leavers to both widen their horizons and show that the community is supportive of them taking their education further.
- A new affiliation with U3A will be discussed by the 2006 Committee.

Peter McCullagh
Chair

ANUEF Honours Electives

Sustainable Australia

For the third consecutive year an elective third year course on 'Sustainable Australia' was offered in the School of Resources, Environment and Society with a combination of Emeritus Faculty and other speakers. The course has attracted small numbers of committed students as reflected in the final outcome of deferred 2004 assessments. All 6 students were awarded HDs by SRES examiners and two of them undertook research projects in 2005 based on interests raised by participation in the 2004 course.

Notwithstanding a considerable numbers of expressions of interest, earlier in the year, in taking the course in 2005, the final number of students enrolling was disappointingly low. The immediate reason for his attrition was a clash in timetable programming with core courses. Apart from the diminishing opportunities for accommodating elective courses within crowded timetables, at least two other adverse influences on elective courses were apparent. One of these, generally applicable, is the increasing impact of substantial paid employment commitments on student capacity to undertake elective options. While the average Australian undergraduate is said to have 14 hours/week of employment, some of the participants in this elective have had 20. A second adverse impact encountered by the 'Sustainable Australia' elective was hostility on the part of one faculty to participation by 'its' students in electives presented by another faculty (irrespective of their compliance with the relevant permission code). Presumably, this is one consequence of EFTSU wars.

The best future opportunity for electives of the 'Sustainable Australia' type appears to be their incorporation as elective components within core courses.

Peter McCullagh

ANU Emeritus Faculty

Unconfirmed Minutes of the of Fifth Annual General Meeting

The 5th Annual General Meeting of the Emeritus Faculty was held on Wednesday 1 December 2004 at 5.00 pm in the ANUEF Room, Building 17, Union Court.

PRESENT: John Molony (Chair), Peter McCullagh (Deputy Chair), Mac Boot (Secretary), Dick Johnson (Returning Officer), Ken Taylor, Ian Mathews, Fred Langman, Henry Zapasnik, Nik Fominas, Gordon Ada, Beryl Rawson, Peter Stewart, Barry Ninham, Pat Gibbs, Diana Riddell, Thelma Hunter, Elizabeth Murphy, John Sandeman, Stewart Turner, John Grant, Helga Griffin, Jim Griffin, Cedric Mims, Judy Slee, Chris Bryant, Ian Marshall, Verna Rosling, Isabel McBryde, Giles Pickford.

1. Welcome and Apologies

The Chair welcomed the members to the fifth Annual General Meeting. Apologies were received from Peter Scardoni (Treasurer), Barry Ninham, Fyfe Bygrave, Adrian Gibbs, Maev O'Collins, Pauline Griffin, Jack Golson, Ralph Elliott, Don Anderson, Alan Barton, James Grieve, Jill Waterhouse, Margaret Travers, Colin Steele, John Champness, and Gerard Ward.

2. Minutes of the Third Annual General Meeting

The minutes of the 4th Annual General Meeting held on 3 December 2002 were confirmed. (Fominas/McCullagh) CARRIED.

3. Chair's Report

The Chair's Report is included above on pages 2 to 4 above.

Motion: that the Chair's Report be received. (Sandeman/Turner). CARRIED.

4. Treasurer's Report

The Auditor's report and Accounts for the period 1 December 2003 to 30 November 2004 were tabled at the meeting.

Motion: that the accounts for the period 1 December 2003 to 30 November 2004 be accepted and the membership fee for 2005 be set at \$20. (Pickford/Griffin) CARRIED.

5. Report of the Returning Officer

Richard Johnson was appointed Returning Officer by the Committee. A call for nominations to the twelve positions on the Committee was circulated on 5 November 2004. The Returning Officer reported that he had received the following nominations by the closing date: Barry Ninham, Giles Pickford, Peter Scardoni, Peter Stewart, and Verna Rosling.

As the quota of twelve positions had not been reached, he had accepted the following nominations after the closing date: John Sandeman, Peter McCullagh, Nik Fominas, Ian Mathews, David Walsh and John Grant.

He declared all the above candidates elected unopposed.

Motion: that the Returning Officers Report be received. (Slee/Stewart) CARRIED.

6. Appointment of Auditor

Motion: that the Committee be empowered to seek out an Auditor and make a suitable appointment. (Sandeman/Bryant) CARRIED.

7. Other Business

7.1 University Briefings

The Deputy Chair addressed the meeting about an idea he had conceived for taking the ANU out to the community, through a series of briefings on topical issues. A document was tabled. The concept was endorsed by the members.

7.2 Thanks from our Affiliate RAPLink

Elizabeth Murphy thanked the Faculty for the use of the Faculty's accommodation for RAPLink and its sub-committee meetings.

7.3 Accolades

The Chair thanked all Committee members for their hard work during the year and wished the retiring members well: Beryl Rawson, Mack Boot, and Judy Slee.

7.4 Vote of Thanks to the Chair

Peter McCullagh spoke about the contribution that the founding Chair, John Molony, had made to the Faculty, and moved that the new room which had been allocated to the Faculty in the Fellows Lane Cottage be named 'The Molony Room'. (McCullagh/Pickford). CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

GP 16/12/04

**THE AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL
UNIVERSITY
EMERITUS FACULTY
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE
STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR
1 December 2004 - 30 November 2005**

INCOME		\$
	Members Fees paid in 2004	50.00
	Members Fees 2005	2225.00
	Donation	
	Interest	1.72
Total		<u><u>\$2,276.72</u></u>
LESS EXPENSES		
	Speakers Dinner	165.00
	Postage	331.15
	Members Crads	102.98
	Advertising	
	Refreshments	235.30
	News Letters/Printing	553.89
	CHASS Membership	
	AGM 2004	
	Credit Union Fees	61.95
	Other	68.80
Total		<u><u>\$1,519.07</u></u>
Surplus for the Year		<u><u>\$757.65</u></u>

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL
POSITION AS AT 30 November
2005**

ASSETS		
	Cash at Credit Union	1946.85
	Credit Union Shares	10.00
Total		<u><u>\$1,956.85</u></u>

LESS LIABILITIES**Total**\$0.00**NET ASSETS****\$1,956.85****MEMBERS' FUNDS**

Balance at 1 December 2004

1199.20

Add Surplus (Deficit) for Year

757.65

Total**\$1,956.85****P. A.
Scardoni****Honorary Treasurer****Pauline Hore, Bsc,
CPA
Honorary
Auditor**