The Emeritus Faculty
of the Australian National University

The Committee of the ANUEF has recommended a revision of the Constitution of 2000 as shown below. It is suggested that sections which are mainly descriptive or historical should be moved to the new document called ‘Introducing the ANU Emeritus Faculty’. These sections are in blue. The other recommended changes are shown in the right-hand margin.

CONSTITUTION

1. The name of the Group is "The Emeritus Faculty of The Australian National University" hereinafter referred to as the "Emeritus Faculty".

2. The objects of the Emeritus Faculty are to:

   (a) Foster collegiality among its members;

   (b) Enable them to join in, or continue to contribute to, the academic and cultural life of the University;

   (c) Make a positive contribution to the University through a variety of means, collectively and individually;

   (d) Contribute to the social and intellectual life of the wider community;

   (e) Enhance the visibility and reputation of the University.

Members of the Emeritus Faculty do not see their activities as replacing the activities and expertise of current staff in any way.

3. The Emeritus Faculty has a strategic partnership with University House which manages Faculty funds and provides it with a venue for its meetings and functions. The Faculty can affiliate with other parts of the University, or the University as a whole, as it sees fit.

4. Ways in which the Emeritus Faculty might make a contribution include:

   Academic Programs

   • Assistance with lectures and tutorials when called on by areas of the University
   • Collaboration in the laboratory work of areas of the University
   • Contribution of publications to the University’s research record
   • Occasional lectures, seminars and conferences
   • Participation in consultancies
   • Supervision and examination of postgraduate students when called on by areas of the University.

   Advisory Roles

   • Advice on curricula when called on by areas of the University
   • Advisory roles in cooperative research ventures
• Assistance with industry liaison
• Assistance with seeking private funding and supporting the ANU Endowment for Excellence
• Opportunity for individual voices to be heard on policy formulation in the public sector
• Opportunity for individual voices to be heard on the development of the Higher Education sector.

Outreach Roles
• Being well informed ambassadors for the University
• Collaboration with other bodies such as the University of The Third Age
• Participation in Convocation activities
• Participation in the University programs of outreach, extension and professional refreshment, including summer schools for teachers.

5. The Membership

The Emeritus Faculty of the ANU consists of former academic and general staff members of the University who wish to continue an association with the University to serve its interests and those of the wider community. Other appropriate persons who share such a wish may be invited to become members. Such persons may or may not be linked to other universities, or similar institutions such as libraries, CSIRO, galleries, museums, government departments, community groups and the like.

6. Annual Fee

The Membership Fee will be set at the Emeritus Faculty’s Annual General Meeting and will be collected and receipted by University House. The fee will be sufficient to include full membership of University House.

7. Bank Account

The Emeritus Faculty will operate a Bank Account. The Signatories of the account will be any two of the Chair, the Deputy Chair, the Treasurer and the Secretary.

8. Management

(a) The Emeritus Faculty is managed by a Committee of not more than twelve members, elected by the members. The Committee elects the Office Bearers.

(b) Until the first Annual General Meeting the provisional Office Bearers comprise: Chair: John Molony, Deputy Chair: Beryl Rawson, Treasurer: Rafe De Crespigny, Secretary: Giles Pickford.

(c) Until the first Annual General Meeting the Provisional Committee Members comprise: Allan Barton, Bob Gollan, David Hambly, Anthony Low, Maev O’Collins, Colin Plowman, Peter Stewart, and Gerard Ward.

(d) The Committee shall be elected annually by the members of the Emeritus Faculty in general meeting. Within three days of this Meeting the Committee shall convene to elect four Office Bearers: Chair, Deputy Chair, Treasurer and Secretary.
(e) All powers of the Group shall be vested in the Committee subject to control by the general meeting.

(f) The Committee shall hold meetings from time to time as it thinks fit.

(g) The meetings of the Committee shall be presided over by the Chair and in his or her absence the Deputy Chair and in both their absences by any member of the Committee who shall be elected Chair of any particular meeting.

(h) The Committee shall act by resolution of its members and all questions shall be decided by a majority vote. Each member shall have one vote. The quorum shall be half the total membership of the Committee.

(i) The Committee shall have power to make by-laws but any such by-laws must be approved by the Emeritus Faculty in general meeting.

(j) The Committee shall cause minutes of its proceedings to be kept, shall arrange for an annual audit, and furnish all reports to the annual general meeting of the Emeritus Faculty.

9. Annual General Meetings and Special General Meetings

(a) There shall be an annual general meeting at a date and place fixed by the Committee.

(b) A special general meeting may be called by the Committee at any time or on a requisition signed by one tenth of the financial members of the Group and such requisition shall state the nature of the business to be transacted.

(c) At least fourteen days before the annual general meeting or any special meeting notice shall be given of the holding of such meeting and of the general nature of any business to be transacted.

(d) Notice may be given either by advertisement in any newspaper or written notice posted or e-mailed to the addresses of members as furnished to the Committee.

(e) At the annual general meeting ordinary business shall be the reception of the report and the balance sheet; the election of the Officers and Committee, and any other business.
(f) A returning officer shall be appointed by the Committee to receive nominations to the Committee. Such nominations shall be signed by two financial members of the Emeritus Faculty and approved by the nominee.

(g) At all general meetings of the Emeritus Faculty the Chair or in his or her absence the Deputy Chair or in both their absences a member selected by the meeting shall be Chair. Every member present entitled to vote shall have one vote upon every motion, and in the case of the equality of votes, the Chair shall have the second or casting vote.

(h) Each financial member personally present shall be entitled to one vote.

(i) The quorum shall be twelve members.

(j) At all meetings standing orders of debate shall prevail.

10. Alteration of the Constitution

The Constitution may be altered, repealed, added to or amended by resolution at any annual or other general meeting, provided that notice of motion is given twenty-one days before the date on which the meeting is to be held.

11. Dissolution

If at any general meeting a resolution shall be passed for the dissolution of the Emeritus Faculty at any meeting when not less than one-third of the financial members of the Emeritus Faculty are present, the Emeritus Faculty shall be dissolved and after providing for all liabilities the residue of the property of the Group shall be paid or delivered to The Australian National University.

GP 4/10/00