

## **ROSEWORTHY OLD COLLEGIANS ASSOCIATION**

### **Committee meeting 9-2-98**

Minutes of the meeting of the ROCA committee held at Microbial Technologies Ltd, 18 King Street Norwood, on Monday 9th February at 8.00 pm.

#### **Present**

Allan Alcock, David Cooper, Peter Fairbrother, James Holland, Dale Manson, Bardy McFarlane, Andrew Micheltmore, Harry Stephen, Mia Stephens and David Taplin.

#### **Apologies**

Brian Hannaford, Peter Dunn and Jennifer Trott.

#### **Minutes**

The minutes of the previous meeting were adopted.  
(Moved: Dale Manson Seconded: Bardy McFarlane)

#### **Business arising from the minutes**

Archival material is still waiting to be sorted. Andrew has some helpers. Mortlock Library can also help.

#### **President's report**

The EP reunion has been moved from the long weekend in January and will be held on 4th April this year.

#### **Treasurer's report**

Brian had contacted David Cooper and expressed concern about ROCA's finances and the high cost of the Digest. In 1997 the autumn Digest cost \$1547 (\$0.92 per copy), the spring edition \$1997 (\$1.27) and the Xmas edition \$1913 (\$1.28). Bardy commented that the problem was mainly due to the larger size of the Digest and an increase in the number printed.

The treasurer was also concerned that no monies had been received from the College.

#### **Digest report**

It was resolved that two Digests be printed before the Centenary dinner- one in late March and the other in July/August.

(Moved: Mia Stephens Seconded: Allan Alcock)

It was also resolved that James Holland investigate the option of accessing and utilising an Internet site for the ROCA Digest with a view to reducing distribution costs.

(Moved: Harry Stephen Seconded: James Holland)

#### **Faculty report**

Effective full time quotas have been reducing by about 40 per year.

The number of overseas students has declined due to political problems and currency devaluations. There is only one new student this year coming onto campus through international programs. Other ways of providing post graduate training will need to be considered. Post graduates are now supervising local students.

The Department of Agricultural Business was dissolved in late December.

There is considerable interest in Developing Roseworthy as a Centre for Dryland Agriculture.

Phil Hinde has accepted the position of Professor of Animal Production.

### **College report**

It is anticipated that there will be 110 students in residence this year compared with 150 last year.

The viability of the College is becoming more dependent on conferences.

A concern for ROCA is that fewer students going through the College means fewer potential members.

### **Special item**

Bardy reported that he had received a letter from Rick Henke who was concerned that the task force considering the future of the Roseworthy Campus of the University of Adelaide was not representative of all stake holders.

It was resolved that-

1. ROCA seek to get a position on the task force looking at the future of the Roseworthy Campus.  
(Moved: Bardy McFarlane Seconded: Harry Stephen)
2. ROCA lobby Ministers Kerin and Buckby and Premier Olsen regarding the future of undergraduate education on Roseworthy Campus.  
(Moved: Bardy McFarlane Seconded: James Holland)

Allan Alcock raised the merger agreement and suggested that we have a close look at the document to see what courses were on the Campus in 1990 and what courses are there now.

Mia Stephens suggested that ROCA could hold a seminar on "The Future of Education and Training in Agriculture" in conjunction with another body such as the AIAST.

### **Centenary committee**

A suggestion was for high profile person such as Tim Fisher be invited to speak at the dinner.

Another suggestion was for staff at the College be invited to attend.

It was resolved that one or more special awards be made this year, to mark the Centenary of ROCA, to members who have given service to ROCA.  
(Moved: Dale Manson Seconded: Allan Alcock)

It was decided that three country dinners should be held before September- on Eyre Peninsula, in the Riverland and the South East.

### **Other business**

The matter of a PO box in Adelaide was discussed but it was decided to leave the address for ROCA as it is.

The meeting closed at 10.35 pm.