

Committee Title	Student Voice					
Date of Meeting	22 March 2021					
Item Number and Title/Subject	Honorary Life Members					
Paper Presenter	Eilidh Fulton, Student Voice Chair					
Brief Summary of Issues/Topic	<p>All members were encouraged at the meeting of Student Voice on 8th February 2021 to submit nominations by Monday 22nd March 2021 at 9am.</p> <p>All nominations for Honorary Memberships were submitted to the Executive Committee, where they were reduced to six depending on quality of the nomination. The final six (four students and two external) will then be ratified by Student Voice.</p> <p>The Executive Committee agreed the following shortlist at its meeting on 22nd March 2021.</p> <p>Shortlist:</p> <p>GCU Students</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bethany Thomson • Kweku Bram-Larbi • Kathinka Mumme • Serena Piotto <p>Non-Students</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nicola Andrews • Valerie Webster 					
Recommendation(s)	Information		Discussion		Approval	X
	Student Voice is asked ratify the shortlisted nominations for Honorary Life Members.					
Who have you consulted when developing the paper?	Executive Committee					
Staff/Student Protocol	Yes		No	X	N/A	
Will any decision approved directly affect the work of staff?						
Should the paper be submitted to any other committee following its consideration/approval at this meeting?	No					
If yes, please state the committee and proposed date of submission.						

Bethany Thomson

Bethany has shown outstanding dedication to GCU Students' Association and GCU Wolves within her time at university. Bethany is the current Sports Council chair and has led on social media campaigns this year such as Show Racism the Red Card and created various posts to celebrate LGBT+ history month showing that sport at GCU is inclusive and welcome to all. Bethany is also the current Cheerleading President and has been on the committee for 3 years as well as being a tram member for 4 years. All these volunteering roles shows she has all the attributes to be an Honorary Life Member and it would be rewarding to see her achievements being recognised.

Kweku Bram-Larbi

Kweku has kept up with his studies and research while always being positive and available to volunteer for the Students' Association and University whether this is through filming videos to keep students engaged or being in front of the camera as one of the faces of GCU. Always happy to lend a hand and kindness is a great quality to possess therefore I think Kweku deserves an Honorary Life Membership.

Kathinka Mumme

Kathi has been involved in the SA and GCU in a huge way to support students. She has been the Radio Caley manager, ensuring the smooth running of the station as well as being part of several committees including Student Voice where she advocates for students. She also helps out by volunteering her time to small projects online or social media when asked, she put herself forward as a member of Senate and is comfortable using her student voice to ensure student issues are brought to the attention of Senators, again advocating on behalf of ALL students. She has a kindness, maturity and calmness about her and has been a great support not only to myself but to others probably without even realising it. Kathi deserves the Honorary Life Membership!

Serena Piotto

For her work with the African Caribbean Society and the Ethnic Diversity Network. She has constantly been consistent with building communities that help BAME students feel welcomed at GCU.

Professor Nicola Andrews

Professor Nicola Andrew is the Head of Academic Quality and the main purpose of her role is to ensure the provision of an effective and professional service to develop and support the Academic Quality functions of the University, including QAA (Quality Assurance Agency for Higher Education) expectations around student engagement with Academic Quality. She is also the Professor of Learning and Teaching (Education Research and Evaluation).

I would like to recommend Nicky for an Honorary Membership as Nicky's focus on researching the student experience has benefited all students at GCU and she actively involves the Students' Association including myself as student president, so that students' voices are at the heart of her research which contributes to an improved experience for us all.

Valerie Webster

Valerie Webster is the Deputy Vice-Chancellor Learning, Teaching and Student Experience. She has been actively involved in decision making at high level to ensure students have the best student experience. She has worked with the Students' Association as well as myself as student president to ensure students are at the heart of decision making. She actively listens to all concerns including taking forward last years no detriment approach and this year's fair assessment approach amongst many other positives to ensure a fantastic student experience.

Valerie is retiring this year and will be sorely missed at the Students' Association and truly deserves this honorary membership to the Students' Association.