

<b>Committee Title</b>	Student Voice					
<b>Date of Meeting</b>	7 <sup>th</sup> December 2020					
<b>Item Number and Title/Subject</b>	Honorary Life Members					
<b>Paper Presenter</b>	Susan Docherty, Student President (or nominee)					
<b>Brief Summary of Issues/Topic</b>	<p>All members were encouraged at the meeting of Student Voice on 10<sup>th</sup> February 2020 to submit <a href="#">nominations</a> by Monday 9th March 2020 at 12noon.</p> <p>All nominations for Honorary Memberships were submitted to the Executive Committee on 10<sup>th</sup> March 2020, where they were reduced to six depending on quality of the nomination.</p> <p>Student Voice is asked to a the final six (four students and two external). As the fourth meeting of Student Voice 2019/20 was cancelled due to the Coronavirus outbreak, this paper is being presented at the first meeting of Student Voice 2020/21.</p> <p>Shortlist:</p> <p><b>GCU Students</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Callum Matthews</li> <li>• Monica Allen</li> <li>• Keir Thompson</li> <li>• Rachel Brown</li> </ul> <p><b>Non-Students</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kathryn Collins, former Executive Assistant</li> <li>• Caroline Miller, former Representation and Advice Manager</li> </ul>					
<b>Recommendation(s)</b>	Information		Discussion		Approval	X
	Student Voice is asked <b>to ratify (approve)</b> the shortlisted nominations for Honorary Life Members.					
<b>Who have you consulted when developing the paper?</b>	Executive Committee					
<b>Staff/Student Protocol</b>	Yes		No	X	N/A	
<b>Will any decision approved directly affect the work of staff?</b>						
<b>Should the paper be submitted to any other committee following its consideration/approval at this meeting?</b>	No					
<b>If yes, please state the committee and proposed date of submission.</b>						

### **Keir Thomson**

Keir was appointed the Chair of the 2019/20 Sports Council and has fulfilled his role effectively throughout his appointment. He has been an effective chair by allowing all council members to discuss ideas fully and involves everyone in every decision made at council meetings. He has strived to make GCU Wolves more inclusive and accessible, seeing the introduction of the Community Club Grant and the Pride Week events to name a few. I believe Keir should be granted an Honorary Life Membership to thank him for his contribution to the Students Association for academic year 19/20.

### **Monica Allen**

Monica has been involved with the Students Association in a number of ways during her time at GCU as a student. From creating and joining societies, to volunteering and attending SA events, and more notably, her time with The EDIT, she has continued to go above and beyond for our student led magazine and I feel that her efforts deserve to be recognised.

### **Rachel Brown**

As chair of The Society Council Rachael Brown has been fully committed to chairing the group of elected students who are responsible for the strategic direction of societies, as well as supporting society events, allocating funds, and activating new societies.

She has been very active in her role and has contributed greatly to the student experience whilst studying at GCU. She has great leadership qualities and her lovely calming manner has made it a pleasure to work with her.

Rachael has been a society committee member, a societies council member, and an active member of Student Voice. Rachael inspires officers and students alike and I have no doubt she will go on to be successful in her future endeavors.

### **Callum Matthews**

I feel Callum Matthews should receive an Honorary Life Membership for the work and commitment we did whilst he was the captain of the athletics team. Before Callum became captain the athletics team only had a hand full of member and since took over, the club has grown from strength to strength, the club now has 70 members that regularly participate in their weekly or daily session. The club has improved so much so that they were NUS club of the year finalist for 2018/19. A great achievement and recognition for the work GCU athletics has been doing to improve not only the physical but the mental state of GCU students. Lastly in recognition of the hard work Callum Matthews he has been awarded the Ross Baillie Award for row for his outstanding voluntary commitment and contribution to a Sports Club (Athletics) for 2 consecutive academic years.

### **Caroline Miller**

Over her many years as a staff member at GCU Students Association, Caroline Miller has been fully committed to representing and promoting the rights of GCU Students.

Her tireless work ethic and empathetic nature made students feel able to seek help and advice from Caroline on a range of issues. She diligently provided them with accurate information on the services and rights to which they are entitled while providing support, mediation, advocacy and representation in a non-judgmental manner as well as maintaining confidentiality at all times.

For her years of incredible service and commitment to our students, Caroline Miller should be awarded Honorary Life Membership.

## **Kathryn Collins**

The GCU Students' Association would like to nominate Kathryn Collins, our previous Executive Assistant, for an Honorary Life Membership. Kathryn supported the Executive Team, including our Full Time Officers and our Chief Executive for upwards of 5 years. Kathryn gave more to us than executive support in her role, Kathryn was a listening ear, a friendly face, a shoulder to cry on, and someone to have a giggle with throughout a long week. I think I speak for many when I say that our time at the Students' Association was undoubtedly made brighter just by Kathryn's presence. As a way to thank Kathryn for her support and guidance throughout my term in office, I would like to welcome Kathryn back into our community through this Honorary Life Membership the same way Kathryn welcomed myself, and other officers, into life at the Students' Association over the past few years.