

<b>Committee Title</b>	Student Voice					
<b>Date of Meeting</b>	4 <sup>th</sup> April 2022					
<b>Item Number and Title/Subject</b>	Honorary Life Memberships					
<b>Paper Presenter</b>	Adil Rahoo, Student President					
<b>Brief Summary of Issues/Topic</b>	<p>Schedule 1 (membership) outlines that the Students' Association may admit to Honorary Life Membership any person whom it wishes to honour for services to the Association. Nominations, accompanied by a list of reasons, must be submitted for consideration by the Student Voice.</p> <p>All Student Voice members were encouraged to submit nominations for Honorary Life Memberships by Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2022. No nominations were submitted.</p> <p>The Executive Committee met on 25<sup>th</sup> March 2022 to discuss individuals to be proposed to Student Voice for an Honorary Life Membership. This is four students and two non-students.</p> <p><b>GCU Students</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• River Gowans</li> <li>• Jonnie England</li> <li>• Kirsten Burningham</li> <li>• Sohaib Saleem</li> </ul> <p><b>Non-Students</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Professor Pamela Gillies</li> <li>• Rebecca Meechan</li> </ul>					
<b>Recommendation(s)</b>	Information		Discussion		Approval	X
	<p><b><i>Any member can ask a question by raising their voting card or virtual hand and be recognised by the Chair to speak.</i></b></p> <p>Student Voice is asked <b>to approve</b> the shortlisted nominations for Honorary Life Membership.</p>					
<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>						

### **River Gowans**

River has been a valuable asset for the Students' Association through a number of areas in the Students' Association. As the LGBT+ Networking Officer, he has ensured the views of our LGBT+ students are accurately reflected and has worked with Full Time Officers in the past to ensure there were spaces across the campus which the community feel represents them, whether this be through the safe space room, gender neutral toilets, or activities. As a Department Rep, they go above and beyond to ensure the best learning and teaching experience can be given within the department and to ensure school issues can be highlighted and resolved quickly.

### **Jonnie England**

Jonnie has been a valuable asset for the Students' Association through his contributions to Student Voice and ensuring the Full Time Officers are held accountable. Jonnie goes above and beyond at Student Voice and is always the first to speak up in meetings with in-depth and well thought out points. His genuine passion for student politics has helped the Students' Association to develop over the years, particularly with his motion of an increase to the Students' Association block grant, which highlighted the need for an increase in order to carry out the best work we can do.

### **Kirsten Burningham**

Kirsten has shown commitment and contributed to GCU Wolves more recently as a member of the Sports Council and through her years as a committee member of the Cheerleading Club. She has contributed to the success of our Cheerleading Club and through the lockdown hosted events to bring people together. She is always happy to support the Full Time Officer sports lead and Council and has gone above and beyond the roles she holds. She embodies our values through and through.

### **Sohaib Saleem**

Sohaib has been an active member of the GCU Students' Association and has been involved in many activities in his time as a student. He has shown great commitment towards strengthening the mission, vision and values of the GCU Students' Association. In their capacity as the CISA President, he has fundraised numerous times and has raised substantial amounts to help others with his team and bagging a win for GCUSA in competitions held by FOSIS. He currently also serves as a Student Ambassador, helping other students around campus and supporting various student activities. They have helped in the creation of other societies at GCUSA including the new 'Desi Society'. They have also actively been volunteers in large non-profit organisations such as 'Islamic Relief' and their events such as their COP26 event to turn Glasgow Central Mosque fully powered through green energy.

### **Professor Pamela Gillies CBE**

The Principal has delivered a service to the GCU Students' Association for developing a culture of partnership and working jointly with the student body throughout the 17 years of her role as the Vice-Chancellor and Principal of Glasgow Caledonian University. The Principal has shown great commitment towards upholding the Student Voice and ensuring that the students of GCU remain at the centre of decision-making at the executive and senior management level. The Principal has also evidenced her extraordinary commitment to the University's motto of The Common Good which strongly aligns with the mission, vision and values of GCU Students' Association. As she is now coming to an end of her term as the Vice-Chancellor of GCU, her commitment towards the partnership between the students and the University should be acknowledged.

### **Rebecca Meechan**

Rebecca works as GCU Student Communication Assistant and has been a valuable asset for the Students' Association by helping us with a lot of our communication and engagement with students. She is always willing to collaborate with us and share our content through their student life channels, support our student groups and their campaigns

by creating content and participating in them. She has also worked with the Full Time Officers and always involves them in university wide campaigns and awareness campaigns on what we do and our Students' Association services.