

Board of Management

Learning, Teaching & Student Experience Committee

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Action	For Noting

1. Recommendations

- 1.1. To note the background, skills and experience of members of the Learning, Teaching & Student Experience Committee.

2. Purpose

- 2.1. To provide the Committee with an awareness of the background, skills and experience of each member as we begin the new academic session.

3. Biographies

A Sullivan

- 3.1. Audrey has extensive experience in career and employability development. This has included 17 years as Deputy Director and then Head of the award-winning University of Strathclyde Careers Service, where she ensured that services to students constantly developed to meet changing employer needs and recruitment methods. At Glasgow Caledonian University Audrey was responsible for the design and implementation of the institution-wide Employability Strategy, aligned to the Student Experience Strategy and Learning and Teaching Strategy.
- 3.2. As an active member of her professional body, Audrey contributed to many UK and Scottish Government consultations and publications and to employer and labour market fora. She led a significant development to join up all Scottish HE graduate vacancy systems, resulting in a massive increase in access to vacancies for final year students and new graduates. On retiring - early - Audrey was presented with the 'Significant Influence on the UK HE Careers Profession' award.

C Singh

- 3.3. Charandeep is the Deputy Chief Executive of the Scottish Chambers of Commerce (SCC), representing Scotland's business community nationally and internationally. In addition to his SCC role, he also serves as an Advisor to the Principal of the University of Strathclyde, where he previously held the role of Student Union President, serves as a Lay Advisor to the Royal College of Physicians & Surgeons of Glasgow and holds the role of voluntary Chair of national charity Sikhs in Scotland. He was named in the Queens New Years Honours List and was awarded a BEM for services to charity during Covid-19.

E Keep

- 3.4. Professor Ewart Keep is emeritus chair in Education, Training and Skills at the Department of Education, Oxford University, and a board member of the Scottish Funding Council. He has been researching issues to do with skills and the labour market for nearly 40 years and has advised governments, government bodies, think tanks, and charities across the UK and beyond. He has also acted as an advisor to parliamentary inquiries at Holyrood and Westminster. He has been a member of the 4 Nations College Alliance's independent commission on the college of the future.

R Gillespie

- 3.5. Roddy, a graduate and former lecturer of one of the College's legacy institutions, has extensive experience in education in Scotland, throughout the rest of the UK and across the world. He has worked at the Glasgow College of Nautical Studies, the Scottish Qualifications Authority (SQA), the Assessment and Qualifications Alliance (AQA), the Welsh Joint Education Committee (WJEC) and Cambridge International. He has also been Chair of the Joint Qualifications Council (JCQ) and a board member of an Edtech company.
- 3.6. Roddy, currently Chair of Standards for a college in the Northwest of England, now runs an educational consultancy company and works on projects across the UK and internationally for government agencies, publishers and education providers.

P Little

- 3.7. Paul Little is the founding Principal and CEO of Scotland's largest technical and professional skills college. A Harvard Business School graduate and distinguished academic, Paul brings a wealth of experience in tertiary sector transformation, curriculum innovation and performance excellence.
- 3.8. He has for the past 28 years successfully led and reshaped five UK colleges earning a national and international reputation as a visionary reformer, successful change agent, merger specialist and thought leader in redefining college education. He has successfully pioneered the merger of Glasgow's specialist colleges into a world-class super college for 40,000 students.
- 3.9. As a qualified yacht skipper, Paul enjoys sailing. He served with HM Coastguard as a part-time search and rescue Officer for 30 years, completed several tours of duty with the US Coastguard and was decorated three times by the Queen. Paul received a CBE in the King's first Birthday Honours in his Coronation Year in 2023 for services to education.

T Hands

- 3.10. Dr Thora Hands joined the Board of Management as the elected teaching staff Board member in February 2023. Thora is a lecturer in Social Sciences and joined the College in 2015 whilst completing her PhD in History at Strathclyde University. In addition to lecturing, Thora works as an independent researcher and has an interest in health and medical history, and the history of alcohol and drugs.

L Subido

- 3.11. Leo is the current Student President of the City of Glasgow College Students' Association and was formerly the Vice President of Diversity and Wellbeing. Before their current role, Leo studied HND in Graphic Design and previously studied CertHE in architecture.

M Miller

- 3.12. With more than 40 years of experience in the creative industries sector, May is a freelance TV Executive Producer and is a former Creative Director of Arts and Factual at BBC Scotland. May serves as a co-opted member of the Learning, Teaching & Student Experience Committee and the People & Culture Committee of the Board of Management. May has previously served on the boards of the Glasgow City Heritage Trust and Creative Scotland, and was the Deputy Chair of BAFTA Scotland.