

Board of Management

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1. Recommendations

- 1.1. To seeks the Board's endorsement and approval to award an Honorary Fellowship of the City of Glasgow College to Alisdair Barron and Lesley Woolfries for their long-standing contributions to the leadership , corporate good and success of the College.

2. Purpose

- 2.1. To seek the approval of the Board of Management to award Honorary Fellowships, in accordance with the procedure established by the Board in 2020.

3. Consultation

- 3.1. The College Secretary was consulted ahead of this nomination being tabled, in accordance with the aforementioned procedure.

4. Key Insights

- 4.1. In January 2020, the Board's Performance & Nominations Committee approved a procedure for conferring Honorary Fellowships to individuals. Based on the below criteria, the Principal may submit nominations to the Board for consideration and the Board will award no more than two Honorary College Fellowships per year.
 - The significance of the contribution of the individual proposed for Honorary Fellowship to corporate or academic good of the College, or section thereof. In many cases this could involve a contribution over a period of more than five years; or
 - The individual proposed for Honorary Fellowship has attained national, and/or international, recognition and his/her outstanding achievement has benefited the College, or students thereof. The perceived benefits should in many cases have been sustained over a period of five years; or
 - Exceptionally, and for identifiable reasons, the individual proposed for Honorary Fellowship has distinguished him/herself in a field or discipline related to the College.
- 4.2. Both Alisdair Barron and Lesley Woolfries have made a sustained and very significant leadership and governance contribution to the success and overall corporate good of the College (and its legacy institutions over nearly 20 and 15 years respectively).
- 4.3. Over the past 20 years, Alisdair has served on the Boards of Management of Glasgow Central College, New College Glasgow and City of Glasgow College. During that time, while as a non-executive member, Vice Chair and as Chair since 2016, he has immersed himself in the life and work of the College and played an active and pivotal role in strategic planning and direction whilst also assisting in making key appointments.
- 4.4. Alisdair has been a role model ambassador, impactfully representing the College's interests at a regional and national level whilst also representing the Board with internal stakeholders of the College. He has been an inspirational mentor to many members of SMT and ELT for many years. Throughout his extensive time at the College, all in a voluntary capacity unlike all other Regional Chairs, Alisdair has unselfishly demonstrated a total commitment to young people and a passion for improving their life chances and career opportunities.
- 4.5. Lesley has also served on the Boards of Management of New College Glasgow and City of Glasgow College. The College benefited enormously from her professional and project management skills and experience especially during the negotiations and detailed planning for our Super campus project.
- 4.6. Lesley played a key role in guiding the design and delivery of, and migration to, the College's current state-of-the-art, multi-award-winning campus – as well as the disposal of our legacy buildings. This award-winning Super campus – twice shortlisted for UK Building of the Year is the largest such College campus design and build anywhere in the UK and beyond. As Vice Chair and Senior Independent Member, she has adeptly supported three Chairs and acted as a role model and intermediary for scores of Board members.

5. Impact and Implications

- 5.1. Subject to the approval of the Board, the Honorary Fellowships will be officially conferred at the College's graduation ceremony in November 2023. Thereafter, the recipients will be entitled to insert "FCoGC" after their name as a post-nominal. The following people have been previously awarded an Honorary Fellowship by the College: Douglas Baillie, David Caldwell, Peter Finch, John MacLeod, Debbie McNamara, Dan Olsson, Nigel Palmer, Ruth Silver and Eric Tottman-Trayner.
- 5.2. Honorary Fellowships recognise the achievement and contribution of individuals connected to the College and enhance our relationships with stakeholders. The process is designed to be open and transparent to enhance the standing and significance of Honorary Fellows.