

## Board of Management

<b>Date of Meeting</b>	<b>Wednesday 2 October 2024</b>
<b>Paper No.</b>	<b>BoM1-F</b>
<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>6.6</b>
<b>Subject of Paper</b>	<b>Fellowship Nomination</b>
<b>FOISA Status</b>	<b>Disclosable</b>
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<b>Action</b>	<b>For Approval</b>

### 1. Recommendations

- 1.1. To seek the Board's approval to award a Fellowship of the City of Glasgow College to Donal Burke for his contribution to the College's life-saving research into the dangers of oxygen depletion in enclosed spaces on-board ships.

## **2. Purpose**

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

## **3. Consultation**

- 3.1. The Associate Director of Governance and Risk 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 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 Fellowships per year.
  - The significance of the contribution of the individual proposed for Honorary Fellowship to the 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 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 Fellowship has distinguished him/herself in a field or discipline related to the College.
- 4.2. The following people have been previously awarded a Fellowship by the College: Douglas Baillie, David Caldwell, Peter Finch, John MacLeod, Debbie McNamara, Dan Olsson, Nigel Palmer, Ruth Silver, Eric Tottman-Trayner, Alisdair Barron and Lesley Woolfries.
- 4.3. Donal Burke, a former Chief Engineering Officer with Irish Shipping Ltd and former Head of the National Maritime College of Ireland, has a long association with the College and legacy institution.
- 4.4. In addition, Donal played a pivotal role in the College's life-saving research into the dangers of oxygen depletion in enclosed spaces on-board ships. This pioneering research has now been incorporated into the International Maritime Organisation's guidance and resolution on enclosed spaces – and is saving hundreds of seafarers' lives across the world. The College was awarded a Queen's Anniversary Prize for Higher and Further Education for the research – the highest national honour conferred on the tertiary sector.
- 4.5. The Board are recommended to approve a Fellowship for Donal Burke for his contribution to the College achieving national recognition for our research and for distinguishing himself in nautical science.

## **5. Impact and Implications**

- 5.1. Subject to the approval of the Board, the Fellowship will be officially conferred at the College's graduation ceremony in November 2024. Thereafter, the recipient will be entitled to insert "FCoGC" after their name as a post-nominal.
- 5.2. Fellowships recognise the significant achievement and sustained 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 the Fellows.