In this issue, we’re celebrating our UofG communities
Our new Research Hub will build a community of staff, research students and industries at the heart of our campus. Our vision is to create a free-thinking and collaborative environment for researchers across all four colleges to come together to address some of the world’s biggest challenges.

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The world of postgraduate research can be a solitary one. But becoming part of a community of your peers can help ensure success. PhD student Sarah Spence reflects on her first year as part of this community.

When I started my PhD last October, the first thing I did was set up my home office. A new lamp, a comfy chair, even a houseplant. I was eager to work from home; no more lugging my laptop and books to classes. But as the semester wore on, I felt disconnected from my fellow researchers. It was a strange feeling, one I’d never had before: professional loneliness.

That’s why Dr Elizabeth Adams’ work is so important. She’s the University’s Researcher Development Manager, working with PhD students to organise training and build a community. Even though many researchers work independently, community is the key to success, whether through networking, collaboration or reputation in the field.

All shapes and sizes
What exactly is a research community? When I ask Elizabeth she says it’s not simply one big group across the whole University. We each join lots of smaller communities for different purposes. You might join a writing boot camp to push through tough deadlines, form a public engagement group with colleagues in your subject area, or pop along to a weekly coffee morning. These micro-communities come in all shapes and sizes, just like researchers themselves.

Elizabeth’s team are behind a number of initiatives to get postgraduate researchers together. There’s something for everyone: lunchtime walks, a gardening group, crafting events and competitions. These events attract students from across the University. Meeting people from different research backgrounds is inspiring, says Elizabeth. “You see all the other exciting research that goes on, but you also see the similarities and differences between other people’s PhDs, and it makes you reflect back on your own.”

Workshops provide formal training but chatting during breaks can be just as productive. Elizabeth says the biggest help can simply be “realising you’re not the only one finding it a struggle”, whether that’s dealing with trouble sleeping or frustrating lab results. Reconnecting with others can also be refreshing. “The number one bit of feedback we get from any workshop, regardless of what it’s about, is people saying they come back feeling more motivated.”

Leading the way
Elizabeth believes that the best results come when researchers themselves lead the way. “I don’t really like that idea of forcibly creating a community. I think you need to give people the opportunity to explore, and let them come up with their own community.” The University’s role is supporting these ideas, whether through funding, offering advice or providing meeting spaces.

Taking the lead can be daunting. But success after the PhD depends on skills built alongside the thesis, like organising events and working with others. Being proactive in the community is empowering, says Elizabeth. “You get out of it as much as you put in.”

It’s true. I’ve recently set up a discussion group in my specialism, the medical humanities, with two other students. It brings together researchers with shared interests from different disciplines who don’t usually get to meet each other. We’re eager for peer mentoring, a chance to debate ideas without worrying about impressing supervisors, and networking opportunities with like-minded people. Reaching out to my colleagues has been the best cure for my professional loneliness.

Glasgow’s postgraduate communities continue to thrive. Elizabeth’s excited that the forthcoming Research Hub will provide more training, office and social spaces for researchers to collaborate. Meanwhile I’m happy to leave my home office behind a few days a week to reconnect with my fellow researchers and the communities we share.

• Interested in joining our research community? Find out about postgraduate research opportunities at @glasgow.ac.uk/research/opportunities.
Arriving on campus for the first time can be daunting, but awaiting each Fresher is the opportunity for new friendships, new experiences and a new community. Avenue intern William Lim, now a fourth-year student, recalls where he first found his campus community.

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How does the team inspire you? There are some girls that will train every week, play every week, also do another sport, drive minibuses for the club. I find the commitment and the time that girls give up really inspiring, especially when sometimes you can feel completely overwhelmed at university. They make the time for it. They give everything they’ve got.

What’s it like being team captain? It’s definitely been a learning curve – I think especially because the club numbers are so big now. I’m always checking to see if people are enjoying themselves and making sure everyone’s okay. From being one of the ones having the good time to making sure everyone else is having a good time, that’s been the biggest change.

What does community mean to you? It’s about being there for each other. University stress and hockey training can be a bit much sometimes. The main thing is having a strong sense of friendship within the club.

Greatest achievement? We never turn anyone away. We had 100 Freshers come to trials and we made room for everyone.

Photo: Rowan, far left, and fellow club members get into the TEAM spirit.

To my fellow students tell you more.
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What’s the team spirit like? Miguel: The more time you spend with UGRacing, the more you realise it’s not just a thing to do, it’s more like a family. When we work in the garage we talk about lots of things. You get to know each other as if you were old friends. Cara: We tend to be social and spend a lot of time together. We held a Burns supper and a Christmas dinner. We’re quite a tight bunch.

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Laurel Brenton moved from New York state to Glasgow to study veterinary medicine. She tells us about the close-knit community she found at the Garscube campus.

As soon as the office closes down at the end of the day, we take over. It’s a rewarding job because you interact with other students. You learn what’s going on in the place you live.

Why are residences a good environment for making friendships? Suddenly you’re away from everyone from home, and because everyone here is going through the same thing you have something in common. You bond with each other and you learn from each other. If someone is really good at cooking, for example, then you can learn from them.

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Over 26,000 students from more than 140 countries study at Glasgow every year and their association with the University doesn’t end at graduation. From Botswana to Brazil, Norway to Nigeria, there are alumni groups all over the world.

There are no rules for how alumni associations operate. It’s recognised to be a strength that they all work in their own unique ways to bring alumni together for social, professional and networking opportunities as well as helping them to keep in touch with their alma mater back in Glasgow.

**Building a community**

One of the largest is 5,623 miles to the east of Glasgow.

Maintaining links with alumni is a labour of love for Yinfan Zhang (MSc 2013), who is Chair of Glasgow Alumni Association Shanghai. “Although I only spent two years in Glasgow [as an exchange programme student and postgraduate from 2011 to 2013], it was a crucial period for my own formation – intellectually, for my career and spiritually.”

The Shanghai association has nearly 2,000 members, most of whom graduated from the Adam Smith Business School. The majority of our alumni are around 27–35 years of age and work in the financial and professional services sectors,” says Yinfan. “But we also have many members working in the media, life sciences, health care and engineering.”

The emphasis for Yinfan is on building a community: “We rely heavily on WeChat to maintain our relationship with the alumni, rather than traditional email-based communication.

‘After getting feedback from our alumni we focus less on career development – apart from welcome home events to help new graduates find jobs – and more on seasonal cultural and networking events. We have an annual ceilidh, which over 500 attended last year, a social event in summer and a Christmas party.’

Enthusiastic Shanghai Association member Zhou Julei Yijun (MSc 2012) says: “Participating in the alumni association is a way to meet new friends away from work. The activities such as the ceilidhs are lots of fun – they create a delightful atmosphere for single girls and boys to meet up and some of my Glasgow friends started dating after the parties! Our shared background also allows us to share some working information and cultivate valuable relationships which may help us in our future career.”

**Social outings and philanthropy**

345 miles south of the University in London, Glasgow University Women’s Club recently celebrated its 90th anniversary.

“As far as we can understand, says Club President, Margaret Goldfarb (LLB 1984), "the club was originally founded in 1927 as a self-help group for women doctors, graduates of the university, who were working in London. We are a social club and have several functions in London each year. We have just enjoyed afternoon tea in Gallery Mess at the Saatchi Gallery and our next function is a lunch to be held at St. Columba’s church in Pont Street, London. We also have an annual dinner with a speaker and an outing which this year will be to the newly restored Charterhouse.

“We pay a small subscription each year and all our events tend to cover their costs and sometimes make a profit, which we are very happy to donate to the University. We all enjoyed our time at Glasgow and this is one way of repaying our alma mater.

“‘What our members enjoy most about the association is the companionship, catching up with old friends met through the club, and also new experiences.’

**Supporting our students**

4,365 miles to the west of Glasgow is another warm and supportive alumni association.

As well as regular social events, the Glasgow Alumni Association of British Columbia welcomes visiting Glasgow students to Canada.

“We have started hosting events for postgraduate students who come to our two universities in Vancouver in the fall and this has been very successful,” says Dr Peter Richards (MBChB 1972), President of the association. “We aim to give the students a snapshot of local knowledge and the kind of caveats that would otherwise take a while to accumulate. We also discuss career opportunities in BC. It’s great to chat to them and I sense a real connection between our local members and the fresh news from Glasgow that the students bring with them.”

If there’s a secret to the success of creating a community it’s the friendships, the partnerships and the occasional couplings!

To find out if there is an alumni association near you, see glasgow.ac.uk/ avenue. If there isn’t one in your area and you want us to help you set one up, email alumni@ glasgow.ac.uk.
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Alumni news

CHEVENING SCHOLARSHIP SUCCESS
Laura Sánchez Rodríguez (LLM 2018), who was awarded a Chevening Scholarship to enable her to study a Masters in International Competition Law & Policy at Glasgow, has been delighted that she remains part of our UofG family. Many of you belong to alumni associations at home or around the globe which offer friendship, support and networking. You can read more about some of these on page 9–10.

I am excited to be witnessing the ongoing development of the Gilmorehill campus and realising the incredible opportunities these changes are going to make possible. The first project under way, the Learning & Teaching Hub on University Avenue, will be an inspirational and diverse space that will combine flexible study and social learning areas with multi-styled, technology-enabled teaching. The Hub will also house a high-quality conference venue which will offer economic benefits to the city of Glasgow, provide potential events and exhibitions space for the West End, encourage school engagement and boost the University’s widening access strategy by hosting summer schools.

As well as the Learning & Teaching Hub, restoration work at 79 Addyman Street (formerly known as Professors’ Square) has begun. This will preserve a historic part of the University’s estate for many years to come, and I hope you will have the opportunity to visit us soon to witness the many positive changes taking place.

We are grateful for your continued enthusiastic involvement with the University, and love hearing from you, so whether it’s about your career, life, successes or time at the University please keep us updated at alumni@glasgow.ac.uk.

NEW YEARS HONOURS 2018
Professor Andrew D Morris (MBChB 1987) was appointed CBE for services to science in Scotland.
Professor Margaret C Frame (BSc 1979) was appointed OBE for services to cancer research.
Dr Rajan Madhok (MBChB 1989) was appointed OBE for services to renal research and tackling health inequalities in Scotland.
Dr Lisley Sawers (MA 1981) was appointed OBE for services to business and equality.
Mr John R Tiffany (MA 1994) was appointed CBE for services to sport, broadcasting and charity.
Dr Stewart Arnold (BSc 1984) was appointed OBE for services to industry, health and safety.
Dr Mark I M Beaumont (MA 2006) was appointed BEM for services to sport.
Mr Philip C Kyle (BVM 1962) was appointed BEM for services to young people and the community in Northern Ireland.

CALLING THE NEXT GENERATION OF SUFFRAGETTES
The daughter of a Glasgow suffragette is searching for others like her. Catherine Smith’s (BSc 1971) mother was Margaret McCann (MA 1909), who as an undergraduate in the early 1900s was active in the Clyde Coast Campaign for Equality for Women, alongside Catherine’s daughter Zoe who has named her when she was born.

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Are there any other suffragettes’ daughters hidden among the members of our General Council? If so, Catherine would be keen to hear from you – contact dr.catherine_smith@btopenworld.com.

TRACKING THE CHEETAH
You may have seen Professor Alan Wilson (BSc 1986, BVMS 1987) in a recent three-part BBC documentary series called Big Cats. As Professor of Locomotor Biomechanics at the Royal Veterinary College, University of London, he spends large parts of the year in Botswana’s Okavango Delta following cheetah movements and watching how these animals hunt, breed and interact.

It is estimated that since 2011, Professor Wilson has followed over 600 cheetah hunts using the single-engined plane he built from scratch and taught himself how to fly. His dedication to discovering more about these creatures has made him one of the world’s foremost scientists in cheetah movements in the wild.

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Glasgow: Beardsden afternoon tea
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Around 40 alumni from the Beardsden area came together at the Kilmardinny Arts Centre to enjoy a delicious afternoon tea, and to hear about the University’s campus development plans. They also heard from Professor Jill Pell about the work taking place in the Institute of Health & Wellbeing. A wonderful afternoon was had.

Glasgow: 1451 Society
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Glasgow: Corporate Partners Evening
Thursday 22 February 2018
Our first Corporate Partners Evening showcased our welcomed partners and supporters to celebrate the impact our partnerships have on our research, our students and the people of Glasgow. Hosted by Professor Neale Jaster, Senior Vice-Principal and Stuart Patrick, Chief Executive of Glasgow Chamber of Commerce, it featured presentations from key partners and a full briefing on our campus development plans.

Glasgow: 18th Holocaust Memorial Lecture
Tuesday 27 February 2018
For the 18th Holocaust Memorial Lecture we were delighted to welcome Emeritus Professor Otto Hutter back to the University for his sold-out lecture Exodus from Vienna. As part of one of our most popular lecture series, the attendees heard about Professor Hutter’s escape from Vienna and the stories of his fellow classmates.

Glasgow: Young Alumni of the Year celebration
Thursday 8 February 2018
Young Alumni of the Year winners Susanne Mitschke and Patrick Renner (both MSc 2015) came back to campus to share their journey taking MindMate from a student startup to the number one spot in the Apple health app chart in 17 countries. Chancellor Sir Kenneth Calman presented them with the Young Alumni of the Year trophy.

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Shenzhen: Shenzhen-Guangzhou alumni association launch event
Sunday 12 November 2017
Nearly 150 alumni from Shenzhen, Guangzhou, Hong Kong and Macau got together in Shenzhen for this exciting launch. Along with a small UofG delegation, alumni Martin McDermott (LLB 2000), First Secretary of Scottish Affairs at the British Embassy, also attended. Alumni heard about the University’s recent developments, enjoyed delicious food and drink, played a University-themed puzzle game and made many new friends.

Mumbai: Connections with Scotland event
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Delhi: St Andrew’s Day reception
Tuesday 5 December 2017
Alumni from Glasgow and other universities across Scotland joined staff travelling as part of a special delegation to India, for St Andrew’s Day reception event.

Aberdeen: Aberdeen Club annual dinner
Friday 3 November 2017
After speeches, club president Sherrif Douglas Currie presented Principal Professor Sir Anton Muscatelli with a cheque for £800 for the campus development fund. We were delighted that former Director of Development & Alumni Cathy Bell (MA 1985) also attended the dinner, and we would like to wish her a long and healthy retirement.

Edinburgh: 30 years of Erasmus celebration
Tuesday 24 October 2017
A group of UofG staff, students and alumni attended this event at the Scottish Parliament to celebrate 30 years of the Erasmus Programme in Scotland. The programme has enabled nine million people to travel, study and work across Europe, and the University has had a very high rate of successful exchanges. Guest speakers included previous Erasmus participants.

Glasgow: Paul O’Gorman Leukaemia Research Centre (POG) Carol Concert
Saturday 2 December 2017
Over 200 guests attended the concert at the University Chapel to raise funds for POG. The Springfield Cambridge Festival Chorus and the University Chapel Choir provided musical entertainment, and £3,000 was raised.

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Hangzhou: Zhejiang alumni association launch event
Saturday 11 November 2017
Around 20 alumni and staff gathered for the first meeting of the University of Glasgow Thaidland Alumni Association. Guests heard about recent developments at the University in Hangzhou and joined in a panel discussion on the career paths of a selection of distinguished alumni. Special thanks go to committee members for all their hard work.

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Glasgow: 200th anniversary of the Regius Chair of Chemistry at UofG
Monday 25 September 2017
Professor Lee Cronin and School of Chemistry staff welcomed alumni, friends and colleagues to celebrate the 200th anniversary of the Regius Chair of Chemistry at Glasgow. Guests were treated to inspiring talks and the symposium concluded with a lecture from Professor Cronin, who spoke engagingly about the breadth of research being undertaken in the Cronin Group.

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San Francisco: Happy Hour meetup
Friday 6 October 2017
Alumni and friends enjoyed themed cocktails and a presentation on news from Glasgow. The fun crowd of over 30 alumni reminisced and laughed together in the glamorous surroundings of the downtown Palace Hotel, and look forward to getting together later in 2018. Contact: Graeme Kelly, cujmim@ yahoo.com.

Vancouver: BC Alumni Association student welcome event
Thursday 19 October 2017
The British Columbia Alumni Association hosted students from Glasgow just starting their Study Abroad year in Vancouver. At the Sage Bistro, Alumni enjoyed the excuse for a get-together and the students learned lots about the area from the locals.

Washington DC: Alumni Association Happy Hour
Friday 20 October 2017
Thirty alumni from Scottish universities gathered at Mackey’s Public House for a post-work social. Professor Lee Cronin, Regius Chair of Chemistry, was there to meet with the students from Glasgow just starting their Study Abroad year in Vancouver, at the Sage Bistro. Alumni enjoyed the excuse for a get-together and the students learned lots about the area from the locals.

Alexandria, Virginia: Alexandria Scottish Christmas Walk Parade
Saturday 2 December 2017
Our local alumni did a proud again, representing the University in the parade, waving the banner high and spreading the word about Glasgow. Make sure to get in touch if you’d like to be involved next year.

Austin: Austin alumni association event
Friday 8 December 2017
The Austin Alumni Association welcomes all Scottish university alumni to meet monthly on Thursday nights, alternating between a Western and Northern city location. In December, ten alumni were joined by Jessica from the Alumni Office for a social evening at the Grove. And who happened to be at the next table by chance but another Glasgow graduate. To keep updated, contact Gordon McGregor at gordon@zaitenrllc.com.

Washington DC: Scottish Universities Burns Supper
Saturday 27 January 2018
Almost 170 alumni and friends from Scottish universities gathered at the Willard Intercontinental Hotel for a fabulous night celebrating the Bard and their links to Scotland. Alongside the traditional toasts and haggis-eating, there was ceilidh-dancing, whisky-tasting and a Scottish-themed photo booth. We’re already looking forward to next year’s event.

Toronto: Burns Supper
Thursday 22 February 2018
A 60-strong group of alumni, friends and prospective students gathered at the Omni King Edward to celebrate the Bard with Lochlann Clark McGinn (MA 1983) offered his wonderful Toast to the Haggis and Immortal Memory, a delicious meal was enjoyed, and dancing ensued. An impromptu singalong of traditional songs rounded off a lovely evening.

Boston: Burns Supper
Saturday 24 February 2018
The Hilton Back Bay Hotel hosted 80 alumni, friends and prospective students for their LochLinnhe Burns celebration. The event was delighted by Clark McGinn’s (MA 1983) toasts, and the dancefloor was packed with ceilidh dancers of varying skill levels. Auld Lang Syne resonated loudly from the ballroom as our varying careers unfolded over the years. Golf, cycling, hillwalking, laughter and whisky were enjoyed, and dancing ensued. An impromptu singalong of traditional songs rounded off a lovely evening.

1968 Engineering
The GII Engineering graduates of 1968 had another great weekend away from 13–15 October 2017 to Melrose, Leaderhills and Warlockhead. They visited the old lead mine, which operated from the 13th century up to the mid-19th century, and is now a major tourist attraction in the Southern Uplands. An integral part of the group’s activity is the trust we formed to support engineering students at the University with their project work. If you want to help with this, please contact Hugh O’Neil on hugheoneilbuild@aol.com or Chris Cormack on echrismc@btinternet.com.

Houston: December meetup
Monday 11 December 2017
A small group of alumni and friends gathered for a drink and barter at the Omni Hotel Westside in Houston while Jessica from the Alumni Team was in town. Alumni in Houston are well connected and always happy to welcome alumni new to the area with warm Texan hospitality.

Houston: Alumni get-together
November 2017
Graduates and friends gathered to celebrate a significant birthday of alumna Kay Boardman’s (MA 1964) husband Derek. The group, including five more 1960s alumni, celebrated with curry and pints and many stories of the old Shish Mahal.

1997 BDS
We celebrated our 40-year reunion on 22 and 23 October 2017 in Lochtigreen House Hotel, Troon. The intervening 40 years have brought back memories. We hope to meet up again in a few years’ time.

1967 Zoology
The Zoology Honours class graduating in 1967 held their 50-year reunion in September 2017. In addition to a lot of chatting and West End eating, we met up with five members of the teaching and technical staff involved in our education. We also visited SCENE at Rowardennan and were treated to a fascinating account of the history and recent research at the field station, which our class had been among the first to use. The lunch box for the reunion included a copy of our final examination papers, which certainly brought back memories. We hope to meet up again in a few years’ time.

1960 Delta
Twenty-five members of the Delta Club 1960 enjoyed an excellent lunch at The House for an Art Lover in Bellahouston Park on 1 September 2017. We plan to meet there again. 58 years since graduation, on Friday 31 August 2018.

1977 Beta
We were joined as always by loyal honorary president Chancellor Sir Kenneth Calman and his wife, who have taken great interest in our varying careers unfolded over the years. Golf, cycling, hillwalking, laughter and wine all helped to make this a very enjoyable weekend, and our undying thanks go to Rona for all her efforts to keep this diaspora connected. To join future reunions, please contact rona.henderson@betta77.org.

1997 Pharmacology
On 11 November 2017, we held our reunion at the University, organised by Mr Martin Bonacorsi and Dr Paul Downie with great help from the alumni association, in particular Dan and Rosie. We welcomed guests with food and drink at 1A The Square, with a slideshow of 1960s memorabilia and a killer soundtrack. This followed by a tour of The Hunterian Museum, a mock graduation complete with scrolls, and a 1960s-themed pub quiz. It was wonderful to see everyone again, including our lecturers Professor Billy Martin and Drs William Wilson and Paul Skett.

1977 Photography
How to get the right
Are you organising or attending a reunion or alumni event? For images with impact that will bring your stories to life, consider some of these simple tips.

1. We require images to be submitted at a resolution of 300dpi to be suitable for print. You can check this on your camera, and most smartphones are also equipped to take pictures at this resolution if in doubt, most phones have a "high-quality" setting.

2. We are aware of what is in the background of your picture. Is there a plant or a lampshade growing out of someone’s head? Make a few adjustments with Photoshop and your picture will be cleaner and have more impact.

3. For large groups, try and arrange people in a variety of heights and avoid one long line of people standing in a row.

4. Consider using a selfie stick or a tripod as this will give you support and reduce camera shake.
Reunion notices

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Douglas Briggs

on the Wednesday and Thursday in Glasgow. There will be dinners and a 60th reunion in 1959 Gamma 321 7531.

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Margaret Lamont Howie, Margaret Lockie (Mrs), BSc 1944, died 26/09/2016.

Nisbet, Helen B (Mrs MacNeill), MBChB 1949, died 01/09/2017.

Henderson, James Weir (Dr), MBChB 1949, died 10/11/2017.

FitzPatrick, John, BSc 1957, date of death unknown.

Dames, John BSc, 1956, died 10/01/2017.

Britten, Niall Turner (Dr), BSc 1956, died 17/07/2016.

Collins, James Weir (Dr), MBChB 1957, date of death unknown.

Cameron, Ralph Donald, BSc 1961, died 12/09/2016.

Dunsmore, Peter Stodd, BDS 1960, died 16/08/2016.


Smith, James Hogg (Dr), MBChB 1956, died 13/08/2017.

Tomlinson, Thomas Howard (Dr), MBChB 1956, LLB, died 08/11/2017.


Watson, John Brownlie, BSc 1952, died 30/06/2017.

Bradley, Ralph Donald, BSc 1961, died 03/08/2017.

Keddie, John, BSc 1990, died 20/11/2016.


MacLennan, Duncan Hugh, MD, died 04/07/2017.

Macleod, Elizabeth Fraser (Mrs Martin-Smith), BSc 1963, died 08/04/2016.

Miller, Eulynne Daly (Dr), MBChB 1964, died 02/06/2017.


Stonehouse, Alexander Lobla, BDS 1960, LLB 1964, died 09/05/2016.

Weir, Alexander (Alastair) (Dr), MBChB 1964, died 21/04/2017.

1970–1979

Beal, Anna Elizabeth (Mrs Watson), MA 1974, died 30/09/2017.

Cuthbert, David William, MEng 1971, died 19/08/2016.

Johnston, Alexander Henry (Emeritus Professor, PhD 1972, died 07/02/2017.

Neison, C James (Dr), PhD 1977, died 13/08/2017.

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Deaths of Members of the General Council noted from April 2017 to February 2018

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The General Council of the University was set up by Act of Parliament to give voice to the views of the graduates and academic staff on the regulation and wellbeing of the University.

The General Council Business Committee Members
It was reported that one member of the General Council Business Committee (GCBC) whose first term of office was due to expire had intimated that they wished to stand again for another four-year term of office until January 2022. They were as follows: Gerry Law BA(Ord) 1980.

Report of the Business Committee Convenor, Mr John Marsh
Mr John Marsh thanked the Principal for his introduction and welcomed everyone to the meeting. The Convenor reported that there had been two meetings of the GCBC since the last half-yearly meeting. The meeting was informed about the work of the Academics Standards Committee and the matters noted by the GCBC were the processes for the Teaching Excellence Framework.

It was also noted that the GCBC had agreed to changes to the General Council and that a series of email communications would now be sent out to recent graduates instead of a one-off letter, in the hope that this would increase engagement with recent graduates. It was also reported that meetings had taken place with Rachel Sandison, Clerk to the General Council, following the restructuring of University Services.

The GCBC has approved Draft Resolution 677 – Board of Catholic Education, which amended the membership, roles and responsibilities to reflect changes in the University structures and nomenclature. The Principal thanked the Convenor for his report and thanked all the GCBC members for all their hard work in behalf of the General Council. It was noted that no questions were raised and John was thanked for his presentation.

Principal’s Report, by Vice-Principal, Professor Frank Golden
The Principal reported that the University continued to progress in the UK and World University Rankings and had been ranked 82nd in the Times Higher Education World University Rankings and 47th in the Times and Sunday Times Good University Guide. In the National Student Survey the University had been ranked joint first overall in the Russell Group. Nineteen subjects had been in the top ten for the UK and three had been in one number. It was also reported that student numbers were increasing for US and PSG student intake.

The University had an operating surplus of £33m last financial year (2016–17) and the University’s research order book had been the highest ever, currently sitting at £436m. (See bar graph on the right.) The University had also been successful with the Global Challenges Research Fund.

The Principal reported that the campus development was progressing and outlined the progress of the Learning & Teaching Hub, which would help improve the student experience. The Learning & Teaching Hub foundations were currently being built and the building was due to open in late 2019.

Q&A: General Council members commented on the positive report by the Principal and his experience. The Learning & Teaching Hub foundations were currently being built and the building was due to open in late 2019.

Closure of the Meeting
The Principal thanked the members for their attendance and invited all present for their attendance and invited them to ask questions or express concerns.

Our financial performance
The financial figures we reported for 2016–17 confirmed the strong position we are in as an institution. Our total income of £608m included almost £180m of research income, reflecting our reputation as one of the UK’s leading research-intensive universities.

The next meeting takes place on Tuesday 19 June 2018 at 6.30pm in the Senate Room, Main Building.
We’ve covered the background to this remarkable piece of scholarship in previous editions of Avenue but it’s worth recalling something of the scale and span of the work. It is the result of over 50 years of scholarship at Glasgow, involving more than 230 linguists, and now consists of nearly 800,000 words arranged by their meaning, spanning more than 1,000 years. It thus reveals the roots and development of the English language.

A remarkable resource

The project has been described as “a unique resource for scholarship, education and creativity.” Like all great research it has multiple applications and has captured the academic and public imagination alike. Those leading the project also wanted to make this rich resource accessible and available, leading the project also wanted to make it more widely known and accessible, and encourage people to use it.

As a University we are continually striving to harness great research to deliver benefit from new research and allow updates on our laurels but to maintain and support the success of the Thesaurus and the College.

We also recognise, while celebrating the success of the Thesaurus, that it is important to avoid the temptation to sit back and rest on our laurels but to maintain and support the outstanding scholarship necessary to build on its success. For this reason, and in conjunction with the award, we agreed to invest more than £600,000 over the next five years in the second edition of the Thesaurus and in the creation of a new Lectureship in English Language. This edition will benefit from new research and allow updates on a third of the current entries, as well as the addition of 20,000 new words.

On top of this new funding, the royalties received from the first Thesaurus are now being reinvested in the project through a donation of the proceeds to support further research.

As a University we are continually striving to build and support the kind of environment that is a catalyst for great research. The success of the Thesaurus reinforces certain key messages around what creates research excellence and the impact it can have. The Thesaurus began with the vision and leadership of Professor Michael Samuels all those years ago and it has maintained that strong leadership and vision through Professor Christian Kay and now Professor Alexander. It relied on a community of excellent scholars intent not on quick wins but on maintaining intellectual integrity.

Showcasing our research

We continue to strive to invest in our staff and encourage progress through such schemes as Early Career Development Programmes, research and leadership training, recognition and reward, and promotion opportunities. The development of the Research Hub at the centre of our new campus is intended to draw great researchers together, building interdisciplinary communities to generate new ideas and new, exciting programmes of research. Like the Thesaurus, we want, and work, to “unlock” the potential applications of our research, which means sharing what we do across the public, private and third sectors, and this is also why we are encouraging business and industry onto our campus development. It’s important too that we encourage public engagement, which is one reason behind the development of our Research Centres – to broad research themes which capture the key areas of our work in a clear and understandable way. It’s also why we are planning to make our new campus more open to the public with pathways through our grounds, connecting the community around us, with easy access to the Research Hub and displays of what our academics are doing. And just as the Thesaurus harnesses great research to deliver new resources for teaching and education, so we continue to value as highly as possible teaching that is research-led. We believe that this is what has the potential to inspire the next generation of scholars, the next generation of people who will want to apply their talents to address the world’s greatest challenges.

Above all else, gaining the Queen’s Anniversary Prize, and the recognition it brings, is a huge boost to our colleagues, staff and students, in English Language and the College of Arts, and a great encouragement to the University and our research agenda.
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