

UNIVERSITY OF GLASGOW
General Council Half Yearly Meeting – 24 January 2019
Election of General Council Business Committee Members
CANDIDATES

Name	Occupation	Degree	Date	Vote
David James Armstrong	Solicitor, Partner, Lindsays	LLB	1986	
Gabriel Doucet	IT Graduate – Scottish Power	MSc	2017	
Mary McKinnon Galbraith	Strategy and Transformation Consultant	MA	1984	
Farheen Haider	Student	MSc	2017	
Ian Henderson	CEO	MA	1982	
Sheriff W Seith S Ireland	Sheriff	LLB	1979	
Dr David Johnson	Assistant Professor, Edinburgh Napier University	MBA	2009	
John Wilson Forrester Martin	Retired University Administrator	MBA	1990	
John O'Brien	Chartered Accountant	BAcc	2005	
Daniel Owen Traynor	Paralegal (trainee solicitor from Aug 2019)	LLB	2017	
Professor Christine Janette Watson	Professor, University of Cambridge	BSc	1975	
David John Marshall Williams	UK Chartered and European Patent Attorney	MSc	2003	

(Names of Candidates printed in alphabetical order)

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Names, Designations of Candidates Nominated	Supporting Information
David James Armstrong	<p>Having graduated in Law and lived and worked close to the University for most of my life, I am passionate about being part (in any small way of contributing to its on-going success. I believe the Business committee will have an important part to play in its exciting development over these next 10 years.</p> <p>I am currently a member of “Legal 40” which is a group of lawyers who work with law students at Glasgow University to support them in seeking their first job and mentoring them throughout the application process.</p> <p>I also work with the University’s Development Office in supporting its fund raising initiatives assisting it to connect to local lawyers and their clients. I also personally contribute to the fundraising. I, along with my wife, Alison also a Glasgow Graduate, featured in the latest edition of Giving to Glasgow.</p> <p>I believe I have skills relevant to the Committee’s work. During my career, I have worked in London, managed a large team of litigators and served for 10 years as the Head of Litigation and on the Operational Boar of Scotland’s largest independent law firm.</p> <p>I am currently a member of my former school’s Investment Advisory Committee which manages bursary funds used to support scholarships to the School.</p> <p>My son, Tom, is now studying aeronautical engineering at Glasgow. My younger son, Luke is likely to apply to the University later this year so I do admit that my passion for the University’s success has a personal element to it.</p>
Gabriel Doucet	<p>My name is Gabriel, and I am a 26 year old French Colombian national. After studying Software Engineering and Air Traffic Management at the Ecole Nationale de l’Aviation Civile (The French Civil Aviation University) in Toulouse, I decided to move abroad to study Information Security at the University of Glasgow. Since I graduated in 2017 I have been working as a Graduate in the IT department at ScottishPower.</p> <p>Over the past year, I realised that The Glasgow University Community extended past students and gave Alumni and members of staff the opportunity to stay connected and support their ambitions and career choices. I see being part of the General Council Business Committee as a way to give back to the Community that has given me the opportunity to achieve my goals of living, working and developing abroad.</p> <p>I perform my roles with commitment and have had great feedback from my experience as Class Representative during my year at Glasgow Uni. I am used to engaging with people from different walks of life, either from my work or from my involvement within the British Computing Society here in Glasgow. Therefore, I am submitting my application today to become part of the Committee and support Court and Senate in providing similar opportunities to Glasgow University students.</p>

Mary McKinnon Galbraith

Graduated MA (Honours) 1984 in Political Economy and German, part of the first tranche of students to undertake a new degree format of principal social science and subsidiary language.

As a student founded the University's first Amnesty International group, engaging both undergraduates and staff in its work. Also active in other societies and associations including representing the University in Hockey.

Career proceeded as a management trainee in the NHS, initially in England, subsequently working as an economist with Scottish Enterprise.

Now work as a Strategic Change Consultant in global transformation projects, across all sectors, working for clients ranging from Novartis to Standard Life, BBC to Scottish Power.

The bulk of my working life has been as a management consultant, initially with Pricewaterhouse Coopers and freelance in recent years.

Expertise lies in working at board and senior management levels to design and manage change programmes that build the capabilities of managers and their teams, embed new systems and processes, and so transform performance.

Been a director of local charities: Four Acres Trust (Cottier's) and An Lochran (Gaelic Arts).

Was appointed by Cabinet Office to the Senior Salaries Review Body, serving six years, chairing sub-committees, taking evidence from MPs and top military.

To this role I bring:

- 25+ years of business experience, across many industries, settings and continents;
- Strong belief in the power of education to transform people and communities;
- And;
- Chance to improve the balance and diversity of the Committee, which currently sits at more than 80% male.

Farheen Haider

As an Alumnus (M.Sc Management, 2016-2017) of University of Glasgow Adam Smith Business School, I am fortunate enough to be graduated from a university with a huge reputation holding strong ranking amongst top universities of the world. The unparalleled qualities and education conferred by this university is ineffable. Having said that, I will be blessed to serve back my alma mater in lieu of what I got from it.

In yester years, university has maintained its worldwide position with eclectic efforts. Nevertheless, to uplift it to new heights; sectors like pedagogic environment, research wings, infrastructure, and innovations seem to be augmented.

As a dynamic, self- motivated and responsible individual with a proven capacity to work in a team-based multicultural environment I do possess a good understanding of differences across cultures, nationalities, and gender through involvement in a variety of activities and have willingness to learn and continuously improve. During undergraduates, I was the class representative and member of event management of all seminars, programs and Xavier Carnivals. Withal, I also managed International conference on 'Anthropogenic Impact on Environment and Conservation Strategy' and was awarded with certificate. Moreover, during M.Sc. Management, University of Glasgow Adam Smith Business School, I was member of Student Representative Council and was also felicitated with certificate of achievement for Leadership, Business Simulation, Change Management and Presentation and Communication skills during the same. I carried all assigned managerial tasks with full dedication, determination and sheer responsibility. Therefore, I believe, I am an appropriate candidate for this role.

Ian Henderson

I wish to be considered as a candidate for election to the General Council Business Committee. I have been keen to support to the University for some time but work commitments have always made this difficult. I have now reached the stage in my career when I can now devote more time to “giving back”.

Background

Following my graduation from the University of Glasgow in 1982 I embarked on a career, initially in the public sector focusing on economic development (3 years), and subsequently in the banking sector (30 years). I have performed at CEO level since 2005. In January 2019 I will take up a CEO role with a small technology company. This will not be a full time commitment.

I have continued with my studies throughout my career and attained degrees and post-graduate diplomas both here and overseas and through a variety of learning approaches: full time study; part time evening course; and distance learning. I am an advocate of lifelong learning.

Suitability for the Role

I have operated at a senior level in business in a number of organisations for many years and can bring that experience to the Business Committee. I have also performed non-executive duties. Of greatest relevance to the Business Committee is the Edinburgh International Film Festival (2000-2005) - a time of significant financial challenge.

I have attended a number of University events in London, led by Anton Muscatelli and am motivated by the ambition and commitment shown by the University of Glasgow team.

Sheriff W Seith S Ireland

I have sought to serve the University since being President of the S.R.C in 1977-78. Presently I serve as a mentor to law students undertaking the Diploma in Legal Practice. As a solicitor, I served as President of the Glasgow Bar Association and on the Council of the Law Society of Scotland. Since appointment as Sheriff I served for a number of years , as Secretary of the Sheriffs’ Association and on its Council. I presently sit on the Board of two charities, S.A.S.O and Phoenix Futures Scotland. I hope that that experience in leadership and oversight will fit me to serve the interests of members of General Council, and the University, on the Business Committee

Dr David Johnson

I am an Assistant Professor in Entrepreneurship at Edinburgh Napier University. My research explores commercialisation activities in high-technology sectors and entrepreneurial ecosystems. This led me to Visiting Scholar positions at the University of Wisconsin-Madison (USA) and The Skolkovo Institute of Science and Technology (Russia). Additionally, I am a Visiting Research Fellow at Interface. Furthermore, I am a Non-Executive Director and Trustee at Borders College, where I am a member of the Regional Board, Finance and General Purposes Committee, and Curriculum and Quality Committee.

Prior to joining Edinburgh Napier University, I spent ten years working within the biopharmaceutical sector within Commercial and Strategy Consulting roles. More specifically, I was the Commercial Director for a pharmaceutical strategy consultancy firm and I have worked within Business Development for global pharmaceutical companies.

I hold Science-based Undergraduate and Masters Degrees from the University of Leeds, and The University of

	<p>Edinburgh. I hold an MBA from the University of Glasgow. I also hold an MSc by Research and PhD in Management from The University of Edinburgh.</p> <p>My current and previous roles, along with my experience provide me with the skills to contribute to the General Council Business Committee and serve the needs of the relevant stakeholders. I have an in-depth understanding of the further and higher education sector. I have experience in providing strategic direction to organisations, advising on institutional policy, and ensuring the highest standards of governance are adhered to. It would be a privilege to be elected to the General Council Business Committee.</p>
<p>John Wilson Forrester Martin</p>	<p>I recently retired after working for over 30 years as an administrator in higher education institutions (University of Strathclyde for 24 years and the Glasgow School of Art for 8 years). My roles during this period included departmental and faculty administration, support to the office of the Principal, student support provision, and committee and governance administration. During my career, I was elected to the national executive committees of both the Association of University Administrators (AUA) and the Association of Managers of Student Support Services in Higher Education (AMOSSHE). I therefore feel that I have gained a broad understanding of policy and governance in higher education and am keen to remain involved in the sector on a voluntary basis, not least at a time when higher education is facing continuing major political and economic challenges.</p>
<p>John O'Brien</p>	<p>As a Chartered Accountant I believe I have a wide range of skills and experience that would be beneficial to the General Council Business Committee. I would bring not only very good financial skills and acumen but also an investigative and logical mind-set.</p> <p>I have been involved in forming the strategic direction for organisations as well as implementing the strategic goals at an operational level. I have experience in preparing board reports in a clear and concise manner as well as preparing easy to understand financial information to a wide range of non-financial stakeholders. I also have experience of scrutinising complex information as a company auditor and in quickly understanding the challenges and opportunities that organisations face.</p> <p>I am also a member of my local community council where I help to give a voice to local residents and assist with any concerns they may have. I regularly liaise with local councillors as well as council officers for the benefit of local people.</p>
<p>Daniel Owen Traynor</p>	<p>I believe I would be suitable for a role on the University of Glasgow General Council Business Committee because of my strong affinity with my alma mater and a desire to see the University, and its entire community, continue to change the world as it has done for the best part of six centuries.</p> <p>I was lucky enough to spend 5 years studying at the University (graduating in 2017 and again in 2018) and I believe, as a recent graduate, I can offer a contemporary perspective and represent the views of other recent graduates to the GCBC. The way in which alumni and students interact with their education institution is changing, and I believe it is necessary to have a diverse representative body of alumni members to ensure tradition and development go</p>

hand-in-hand going forward.

Whilst studying, I worked in the University's Development and Alumni Office and this afforded me the opportunity to see first hand the immensely positive impact UofG alumni have on the University. As a member of the GCBC I would strive to increase alumni engagement with the University, reinforcing the benefit and value of a truly inclusive University community: comprising students; staff; friends; and alumni.

In summary I would be honoured to join the ranks of the GCBC to be the voice for recent graduates and to encourage the University and its graduates to enjoy the benefits of a relationship that goes beyond graduation day.

Professor Christine Janette Watson

Christine Watson graduated from the University of Glasgow in 1975 with a degree in Biochemistry that provided the foundation for a career in biomedical research. Following research in Rome, Italy and a PhD from Imperial College London, she returned to Scotland to develop her research career at St Andrews University before moving to the Roslin Institute and then the University of Edinburgh. She was recruited to the University of Cambridge in 1998 where she has established an international reputation in cell and cancer biology research. She has contributed to undergraduate and postgraduate education and more recently taken on senior managerial and strategic roles as Deputy Head of the School of Biological Sciences, Director of Graduate Education and Chair of the Teaching Hub Forum in addition to serving a 3 year term as Vice-Principal of Newnham College. She serves on research grant funding panels in the UK and Europe, is a visiting professor at the Universita Campus Biomedico in Rome and has close ties with a number of universities in Europe, USA and Australia, She has a deep understanding of higher education and the challenges faced by leading research universities. She has a wide range of experience and expertise to complement those of other Business Committee members, extensive networks throughout the UK including industry and the time afforded by flexible retirement to 'give back' to her *alma mater*. She is a member of the Nuffield Council on Bioethics and a Fellow of the Academy of Medical Sciences.

David John Marshall Williams

'People make Glasgow'. We should aspire to be 'The University that makes the People that make Glasgow'.

This is about giving something back but equally importantly it is about being a part of something life-giving to the students and staff of The University and something they can share with the people of Glasgow and Scotland.

After University I trained as a UK Chartered and European Patent Attorney and UK IP Litigator. I spent 10 years in private law practice before moving last year to head-up the Intellectual Property department at Optos plc.

I had a choral scholarship as an undergraduate and this was a small but useful insight into the wider life of The University. I am currently a member of The University's Strategic Advisory Board for the College of Science and Engineering Graduate School and this has provided a valuable insight into how important business links are for The University. I have advised on the objectives and layout of the new Innovation Hub and designed and run a new Post Graduate Intellectual Property skills course with The University's Intellectual and Property and Commercialisation team.

	<p>This has been hugely satisfying and I would now like to support The University to be world-leading beyond post graduate affairs and where possible improve its rankings, delivering world-class, relevant education and life skills. The unprecedented capital works programme at The University makes this an even more exciting time to be more involved.</p>
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I want to be part of 'The University that makes the People'.

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