

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE USS – NATIONAL DISPUTES COMMITTEE

Held at Institute of Education, London

November 23rd 2018 12.00-3.30

ATTENDEES:

Elected Members:

Bruce Baker (Northern) by phone

Andrew Chitty (South East)

Deepa Govindarajan Driver (South) Chair

Jo Grady (Yorkshire and Humberside) by phone

Susanne Hakenbeck (Eastern and Home Counties)

Gholam Khiabany (London)

Tim Wilson (Scotland)

Standing Committees Sam Morecroft (Anti-casualisation) by phone

Officials

Paul Bridge (Head of Higher Education)

Christine Haswell (National Pensions Official)

Apologies – Rebecca Richards (West Midlands), Karen Evans (North West), Linda Moore (NI), Joao Florencio (LGBT+ Members), Sue Abbott (Women Members), Blaise Nkwenti-Azeh (Black Members), Themesa Neckles (Disabled Members), Douglas Chalmers (President-Elect, Observer)

Proceedings:

1. Following a welcome to all from the Chair, the meeting **AGREED** NDC minutes from the meeting 26th October.

Matters Arising from the previous meeting

2. The Chair asked for and received comments from committee members on the SHESC conference held on November 7th.

a) Concerns were expressed about the SHESC being inquorate and that the NDC motions were not going to be heard. The Chair thanked Alan Barker Conference Business Committee Chair, Liverpool and Leeds branches for help in getting the motions heard

and amendments. It was **AGREED** that the NDC's Chair's speech should go on the website.

b) CH reported requests from the Chair to both USS and the JEP for information on previous valuations going back to 1996 and the JEP's conflicts of interest log.

3. Report from First Actuarial

There was discussion around the FA report, which supports the UCU policy position of 'no detriment'.

4. Trustees

There was discussion about inviting the Trustees to a meeting of the NDC it was **AGREED** to hold any invitations until further discussion was held.

5. SM Proposed putting out a members statement pointing out that a JEP solution is at odds with the policy position of No detriment. The Chair will draft a statement and circulate it to NDC members, and when agreed, Matt Waddup will send it out to all members.

6. NDC **AGREED** to invite the full membership of SWG to a future NDC meeting.