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<b>To</b>	Branch and local association secretaries, Congress delegates
<b>Topic</b>	<b>UCU Congress, 25 May – 27 May 2019: AGENDA - Second report of the Congress Business Committee, including motions and amendments for debate</b>
<b>Action</b>	<b>For debate and decision at Congress 2019</b>
<b>Summary</b>	The timetable and motions for debate at the 2019 Congress and Sector Conferences, to be held 25 - 27 May in Harrogate
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### UCU CONGRESS AND SECTOR CONFERENCES 2019

25 - 27 MAY 2019, HARROGATE

#### AGENDA

#### 1 **Second report of the Congress Business Committee (CBC)**

This report from the meeting of the Congress Business Committee (CBC) held on 10 May forms the agenda for the meetings of UCU's Congress and Sector Conferences to be held on 25 – 27 May in Harrogate. This report is being sent as part of a mailing to those delegates who requested their papers in hard copy. In addition, a bound, printed agenda, containing the motions set out in this report and the relevant sections of the National Executive Committee's report to Congress, will be available to all delegates to collect on arrival at the conference venue.

#### 2 **About this report**

Congress motions and amendments are ordered in this report to reflect the order of Congress business. All Congress motions are numbered sequentially. Motions that will be debated in the HE or FE Sector Conferences are numbered sequentially with the prefix 'HE' or 'FE'. **Note that motion numbers in all sections have changed since CBC's first report** (UCU/936). Motions and amendments which have not been ordered into the agenda by the Congress Business Committee appear at the end of this report, sequentially numbered with the prefix 'B'. The original text of motions and amendments which have been composited are prefixed 'C' and can be found at <http://www.ucu.org.uk/circ/html/ucu957a.html>, and will appear in the printed agenda distributed at Congress.

Where motions or amendments appear in this report in the name of more than one submitting body but are not described as 'composite', this means that the motion or amendment was received in identical form from the submitting bodies listed.

### **3 Amendments ordered into the agenda**

CBC received amendments from branches, the National Executive Committee and other committees entitled to submit amendments. Amendments are printed in this report immediately after the motion that they seek to amend, and are denoted by the letter 'A' after the number of the relevant motion.

Four Congress amendments were composited to create two composite amendments, 20A.1 and 21A.1.

Two FE sector conference amendments were composited to create composite amendment FE28A.1

One HE sector conference amendment was reordered as a late motion, and another amendment ordered as an amendment to this motion; these appear in the agenda as HE6 and HE6A.1.

The original text of amendments which have been composited can be found at <http://www.ucu.org.uk/circ/html/ucu957a.html> and will appear in the printed Congress agenda.

One amendment, to motion 81, was considered not to be competent and appears at the end of this report as amendment B13.

One clause of one amendment was ruled out of order on legal advice that it could not be lawfully implemented by the union. This appears at the end of this report numbered B14.

### **4 Late motions, including those not ordered into the agenda**

The committee considered 10 late motions submitted to Congress and two to HE sector conference.

One late motion to Congress was considered not to meet the criteria for late motions (urgent, timely, requiring a decision of Congress, could not have been submitted by the deadline.) This motion was not ordered into the agenda and appears at the end of this report numbered B6.

One late motion to Congress was not considered to have been approved in accordance with the Congress standing orders. This motion was not ordered into the agenda and appears at the end of this report numbered B11.

The remaining late motions were ordered into their relevant agendas as Congress motions 5, 12, 16, 29, 30, 35, 65 and 72, and HE sector conference motions HE4 and HE10.

### **5 Other changes since the first report**

One motion, numbered in this report as motion 9, was erroneously presented in the first report (numbered EQ8) as having been submitted in the same form by two submitting branches. It was in fact submitted with a slight difference and is now correctly presented as a composite. The original text of the relevant motions is included in the separate appendix of original text of composites (see paragraph 3 above).

## 6 Motions marked 'EP'

Delegates will note that, as has been done for the past three years, some motions in this report are marked '(EP)'. This indicates that those motions are UCU 'existing policy'. The marking is purely advisory, but it is hoped that it will be helpful to Congress and will encourage the formal movement of such motions without the need for full speeches and debate.

## 7 Timetable for Congress and Sector Conferences

The timetable for Congress and Sector Conference business as agreed by CBC appears overleaf. **Please note that Congress on 25 May starts promptly at 9:30am. The Sector Conferences on 26 May and the last day of Congress on 27 May will start at 9:00am.** CBC reminds delegates that business is scheduled throughout Congress and urges all delegates to remain to the close of Congress. Congress closes no later than 15:00 on Monday 27 May.

## 8 Further submission of late motions

All motions received at UCU head office after the deadline for the submission of motions are 'late' motions. For CBC to accept a 'late' motion for ordering into the agenda it must satisfy **all** the following criteria (in accordance with Congress standing order 10):

- i it is urgent or timely and requires a decision of Congress or Sector Conference; **and**
- ii it could not have been submitted within the prescribed time limit; **and**
- iii it has been approved in accordance with the standing orders of Congress and the branch/local association rules – normally by a quorate branch meeting.

In submitting a 'late' motion, branches/local associations **must** explain how the above criteria are met, including how the late motion has been approved.

Any further urgent, late motions should be sent to the Congress motions email address, [congressmotions@ucu.org.uk](mailto:congressmotions@ucu.org.uk), for the attention of Catherine Wilkinson, Head of Constitution and Committees, taking note of the information below about late motion deadlines, **and providing all the required information described above.** Receipt of late motions will be acknowledged.

If CBC does not consider that the above criteria are satisfied then the motion will not be ordered for debate. These motions may still be taken as business by Congress or sector conference if a motion to do so is passed by a two-thirds majority of the relevant conference.

## 9 Deadlines for late motions

Late motions which are submitted **before 12 noon on Friday 24 May** will be considered by CBC at its meeting immediately prior to Congress, and it will be possible to circulate these motions at the start of Congress. **CBC expects at this stage only to consider late motions which could not have been submitted by the amendment deadline (3 May).**

Late motions submitted after 12 noon on Friday 24 May will be considered by CBC as soon as practical after their receipt. Printed circulation of these motions will be undertaken if practical.

The Congress Standing Orders include separate provision for emergency motions to be submitted during the course of the Congress meeting. (Emergency motions on matters which could not have been submitted other than during the course of Congress may be accepted for consideration if submitted to Congress Business Committee in the name of at least 10 delegations).

**Any branch or local association needing to submit an urgent, late motion should do so at the earliest possible stage.**

#### **10 Report of the National Executive Committee to Congress**

Motions are ordered against the paragraphs of the National Executive Committee's report to Congress, which can be found in branch circular UCU/928 (see <http://www.ucu.org.uk/congress2019>). Extra headings have been inserted as necessary to allow all motions to be ordered. Delegates attending Congress will receive on arrival a printed book containing motions and the NEC's report to Congress, set out to reflect sections of Congress business.

#### **11 Standing orders of Congress**

The standing orders of Congress can be found at <http://www.ucu.org.uk/congress2019> and will be included in the printed agenda given to delegates at Congress.

### **UCU CONGRESS AND SECTOR CONFERENCES, 25 - 27 May 2019**

#### **Timetable of business**

*Sessions of Congress and the sector conferences are open sessions, unless marked otherwise*

#### **Saturday 25 May, 09:30-18:00: Congress**

- 09:30-10:00 Opening business, including:
- Welcome and address from Vicky Knight, President
  - Appointment of tellers
  - Adoption of the report of the Congress Business Committee
  - Adoption of minutes of Congress 30 May – 1 June 2018 (UCU/940)
  - Adoption of minutes of special Congress 18 October 2018 (UCU/941)
- 10:00-12:30 Section 1: Business of the equality committee (motions 1-23)
- 12:30-14:00 *Lunch (from 12:30) and fringe meetings (13:00-14:00)*
- 14:00-14:15 Address by incoming general secretary (to be confirmed)
- 14:15-15:00 Debate of remaining motion from section 1: Business of the equality committee (motions 1-23 continued)
- 15:00-15:45 Section 2: Business of the education committee (motions 24-31)
- 15:45-18:00 Section 3: Business of the recruitment, organising and campaigning committee (motions 32-52)
- 18:00 Close of first day of Congress business

## **Sunday 26 May: Sector conferences**

### ***Higher education sector conference, 09:00-18:00***

- 09:00-09:30 Opening business, including:
- Appointment of tellers
  - Adoption of the report of the Congress Business Committee
  - Adoption of minutes of HE sector conference 31 May 2018 (UCU/948)
  - Adoption of minutes of special HE sector conferences 21 June and 7 November 2018 (UCU/960, UCU/949, UCU/950)
  - Report of the Head of Higher Education, Paul Bridge
- 09:30-12:30 Debate of motions: motions HE1-HE9, pay and pensions, **to be taken in private session**
- Debate of motions: motions 10-48 to be taken in open session
- 12:30-14:00 Lunch (12:30) and fringe meetings (13:00-14:00)*
- 14:00-18:00 Debate of motions to be taken in open session (continued)
- 18:00 Close of higher education sector conference 2019

### ***Further education sector conference, 09:00-18:00***

- 09:00-09:30 Opening business, including:
- Appointment of tellers
  - Adoption of the report of the Congress Business Committee
  - Adoption of minutes of FE sector conference 31 May 2018
  - Report of the Head of Further Education, Andrew Harden
- 09:30-12:30 Debate of motions: motions FE1-FE2, pay, **to be taken in private session**
- Debate of motions: motions FE3-FE29 to be taken in open session
- 12:30-14:00 Lunch (12:30) and fringe meetings (13:00-14:00)*
- 14:00-18:00 Debate of motions in open session continued, followed by:
- Mobilisation of branches (non-resolutionary session)**
- Branches will be asked to speak about recent successes and challenges, and what can be learnt from these experiences to strengthen to mobilisation of FE branches going forward.*
- 18:00 Close of further education sector conference 2019

**Congress, Monday 27 May, 09:00**

09:00-12:00 Section 4: Business of the strategy and finance committee (motions 53-57 to be taken in **private session**; motions 58-75 to be taken in open session)

*12:00-13:00 Lunch*

13:00-14:45 **Private session:** Section 5: Interim report of the democracy commission and rule changes (motions 76-94)

14:45-15:00 Closing business, including

Election results

Introduction of incoming President, Douglas Chalmers

Closing remarks

15:00 Close of Congress 2019

## CONGRESS MOTIONS FOR DEBATE

Motions have been allocated to a section of the NEC's report to Congress (<http://www.ucu.org.uk/circ/html/UCU928.html>). Paragraph headings refer to paragraphs within this report. CBC has added some new paragraph headings to facilitate the ordering of motions.

### **Section 1: Business of the equality committee (section 6 of the NEC report to Congress)**

#### ***Introduction, paragraph 1.1 (equality within all areas of the union's work)***

#### **1 Equal and just learning spaces West Midlands regional committee**

Congress notes:

1. the recent attempted prioritisation of the educational access of students found to have engaged in racism and misogyny at Warwick University over safe educational spaces for those targeted
2. the disciplinary action at Lancaster University against a black female student whistleblowing on racist and misogynistic activity amongst fellow students
3. the broader environment across our sectors whereby members and students continue to face institutional barriers of the identification of students as consumers and institutions as corporations in our fight for equal, just learning spaces.

Congress resolves:

- a. to develop themed learning week resources to promote consent and bodily agency, along with developing and sharing of best practice in holding institutions to account
- b. to demand institutions engage with UCU to review policies and practices on discrimination and harassment
- c. to continue to build our fight against harassment in all forms in our institutions.

#### ***Campaigning for equality, paragraph 3.1***

#### **2 Mental health reps and training Disabled members standing committee**

Congress applauds the development of the Mental Health Charter.

Congress notes:

1. that non specialist staff are increasingly asked to support students with mental health needs despite minimal training and resources
2. management seldom recognise and rarely meet the needs of staff with mental health conditions. This often leaves union reps to provide support.
3. the stress of unreasonable workloads and bullying at work is causing mental health difficulties for post 16 education workers.

Congress believes:

- a. colleges and universities must provide sufficient counselling and mental health support for staff and students

- b. UCU supported mental health first aid training can be helpful for our reps in supporting members with mental health conditions, but is not a resource for our management who must provide suitable workplace support and reasonable adjustments.

Congress resolves:

- i. to step up campaigning for sufficient mental health support
- ii. to organise MH training for reps as part of the MH charter.

### **3 LGBT+ mental health                      LGBT+ members standing committee**

This Congress recognises that mental health is under-recognised, under-reported, under-diagnosed and under-funded.

The LGBT+ communities are disproportionately affected by mental health issues. LGBT+ young people are four times more likely to self-harm, whilst, tragically, suicide attempts are three times that of heterosexuals. In many suicides, the sexual orientation or gender identity are not recorded. Congress supports positive teaching of LGBT+ lives and issues at all levels of education. This is a particular concern in FE and HE, when students are often exploring and questioning their sexual and gender identity.

Congress calls upon UCU to

1. raise awareness of LGBT+ mental health issues by organising an event specifically addressing this topic
2. support LGBT+ members with their mental health needs, diagnosis and care
3. campaign for better mental health care for all UCU members
4. campaign for better mental health funding for all, particularly those with protected characteristics, who are often marginalised by society.

#### ***Campaigning for equality, paragraph 3.3***

### **4 The far right on campus                      National executive committee**

The far-right are attempting to take their message of racism, Islamophobia and antisemitism onto university and college campuses.

The far-right group 'Generation Identity' has now appeared on over 20 campuses, stickering and holding stunts and meetings. Their activities have included trolling and online threats and harassment against Nita Sanghera, UCU VP.

Congress expresses solidarity with Nita and other targets of far-right harassment and resolves:

1. to work with NUS, other campus unions and anti-racist groups like Stand Up To Racism to oppose the threat of Nazi, racist and fascist ideas on campus by organising a 'Nazis Off Our Campuses' campaign
2. to organise a national tour alongside Stand Up To Racism, other antiracist campaigns, and sister campus unions promoting events at colleges and universities to highlight the growth of the far right
3. to develop anti-racist materials aimed at exposing the far right to staff and students.



#### **4A.1 Women members' standing committee**

Add new sentence after the first paragraph, adding, 'Congress notes the shocking comments by UKIP EU candidate Carl Benjamin on rape of children and that he "wouldn't even rape" Labour MP Jess Phillips, comments defended by UKIP leader Gerald Batten'.

In 'Resolves..' , add new bullet points:

'4. To support and send women's committee delegates to the Stand Up to Racism international conference on 19 October'.

'5. To support the Stand Up to Racism UN anti-racism day demos, now co-ordinated globally, in London, Cardiff and Glasgow in March 2020'.

#### **5 Late motion on Brexit-UKIP National executive committee**

Congress believes:

1. whatever members' views on Brexit, it is clear that Theresa May's government has made an utter mess of the Brexit process.
2. with the EU election process having been triggered there is a great danger that the racist and even fascist right will seek to take advantage of any 'Brexit betrayal'.

Congress notes that UKIP has now aligned with far-right figures including fascist activist Tommy Robinson (Stephen Yaxley-Lennon) and the street thugs of the Democratic Football Lads Alliance.

Congress calls on the NEC to consult on whether UCU is able to use its political fund to help finance campaigns against UKIP in future elections.

#### **6 (EP) Racism and refugees London regional committee**

The Tories have tried to use the scapegoating of refugees as a method to deflect from their Brexit crisis.

The far right are also trying to make gains from the crisis.

Whether you voted leave or remain we have to unite against racism and the growth of the far right.

Congress resolves to build the widest support for future demonstrations like the Unite Against Racism and Fascism demonstration on 16 March.

#### **6A.1 East Midlands regional committee**

Add in the fourth paragraph after 'like the': 'Stand Up to Racism and'; add, after '16 March': 'supported by the TUC'.

Add new paragraph: 'Congress resolves to support and promote the Stand Up To Racism international conference on Saturday 19 October and the Stand Up To Racism UN anti-racism day protests planned for March 2020.'

#### **7 Citizenship rights and the hostile environment Croydon College**

This Congress deplores the home secretary's decision to withdraw citizenship from Shamima Begum. The consequences of this decision may well have contributed to the death of her child in a refugee camp. Congress notes with outrage that the continuing questioning of citizenship of the Windrush generation and their offspring

and the deportations that have flown from withdrawal of citizenship rights as a strategy for creating a hostile environment for migrants. Congress resolves to campaign for:

1. the right of Shamima Begum to retain her citizenship
2. the right of return for all Windrush deportees.

## **8 (EP) Stop the deportations now    National executive committee**

Congress notes:

1. the hostile environment policy advanced by Theresa May as Home Secretary and accelerated under her premiership
2. the relentless tide of deportations of the Windrush generation and the failure to end or reverse this after broken promises from the current government
3. the devastating impact this has had and the commitment of UCU as trade unionists and internationalists to stand in solidarity with members, their families and our communities.

Congress resolves:

- a. to invite Windrush speakers to regional and branch meetings
- b. to develop solidarity networks to support the resistance of deportations
- c. to demand the government end the hostile environment and all deportations.

## **9    Composite: Representation of migrants in UCU structures    University of Leeds, The University of Manchester**

Congress notes:

1. migrants, defined as non-U.K citizens, constitute a large demography within UCU's membership
2. UCU's structures currently do not represent migrants, thereby leaving them vulnerable to discrimination, harassment, surveillance and other forms of oppression

Congress believes:

- a. all workers should be treated equally independent of immigration status
- b. racist and anti-migrant sentiments are fuelled by policies such as Hostile Environment and discourses surrounding Brexit
- c. there should be no place for targeted racism and legal discrimination within our sector
- d. only direct migrant representation can advance UCU policy and organising strategies on matters specific to migrant members such as mobility rights, visa fees, NHS surcharge, social security.

Congress resolves to:

- i. recognise migrant status as a protected characteristic under UCU Equality structures
- ii. implement rule changes necessary to ensure the representational gap is closed

- iii. ensure protection of migrant members is a priority for UCU.

### **9A.1 National executive committee**

Add in Resolves section an additional point iv at the end: 'reaffirm UCU's support for freedom of movement and promote support for freedom of movement on campuses and throughout the Labour and trade union movement.'

### **10 Financial and institutional support for migrant staff University of Cambridge**

Congress notes:

1. migrants are an integral part of the UK university staff body, which is 30% non-UK
2. regular above-inflation increases in visa fees and related costs act as a form of double taxation on migrant staff
3. financial support and formal representation for migrant staff are deeply lacking across the sector.

Congress believes:

- a. direct migrant representation is needed to advance UCU policy on matters specific to migrant members
- b. standards set by the Universities of St Andrews and Sheffield show that our employers can and should take responsibility to redress punitive financial measures that affect migrant staff.

Congress resolves to:

- i. create a migrant representative under the UCU equality structures and implement rule changes to close the representational gap
- ii. negotiate with the employers nationally for a gold standard across the sector on:
  - covering visa costs, NHS and indefinite leave to remain fees for staff and their dependants
  - provision of dedicated HR support.

### **11 The Stansted 15: challenging the hostile environment Yorkshire and Humberside regional committee**

Congress notes the case of the 'Stansted 15', activists who, in March 2017, used non-violent direct action – lying down in front of an aeroplane – to prevent a charter flight due to remove asylum seekers and other migrants to the UK from taking off.

As a result of this action, approximately 50 people due to be deported were able to remain in the UK to continue their legal cases. The activists themselves however have been charged with terror-related offences under the Aviation and Maritime Security Act. If found guilty, they face life sentences.

Congress believes that:

1. the Stansted 15 acted with bravery, humanity and kindness.

2. the government's decision to charge them with terror-related offences is politically motivated and is designed to reinforce its 'hostile environment for migrants'.

Congress resolves to send a message of solidarity to the Stansted 15 and to donate £1000 to their trial fund.

## **12 Stop the deportation of Bamidele Chika Agbakuribe, blind Nigerian student National executive committee**

Congress notes:

1. threatened deportation of Bamidele Chika Agbakuribe, a blind Nigerian student, and his family after the University of Dundee cancelled Bamidele's student status, postponed from 25 March to 5 June after campaign and local MSP's intervention
2. appeal submitted by Positive Action in Housing (PAIH)) against ending Bamidele's student status.

Congress calls for an end to his deportation and an agreed settlement with Dundee University.

Congress believes May's racist hostile environment and the Home Office Prevent agenda encourages institutional racism and makes international students vulnerable.

Congress resolves to:

- a. support Bamidele's right to stay in Scotland to complete his and his family's education
- b. call on:
  - i. Dundee University to reach an agreed settlement PAIH appeal
  - ii. Home Office to withdraw deportation order
  - iii. Scottish Government, and John Swinney MSP (Education Minister) to mediate between Dundee and PAIH to reach an agreed settlement with Bamidele.

### ***Equality for disabled members, paragraph 5.1***

## **13 Accessibility for all Disabled members standing committee**

Congress commends the excellent work undertaken by the Disabled Members Standing Committee, and the achievements of UCU's Day of Action campaign. Congress notes disability discrimination on campuses and commends the current access campaign by UCU University of Liverpool.

Congress also notes the hard work undertaken by UCU event organisers. Notwithstanding the principled position UCU takes on accessibility for workers, delegates to Congress, conferences and other UCU events continue to encounter discrimination through lack of access. These issues affect those with seen and unseen disabilities.

Congress resolves:

1. trained UCU staff shall undertake accessibility site evaluations when organising national and regional events, and use only accessible venues

2. that UCU provides resources to branches to tackle disability discrimination, including lack of accessibility
3. that UCU lobbies parliament for a review of building regulations to ensure they meet the accessibility needs of disabled people.

### **13A.1 UCU Scotland**

After bullet point 1 add:

2. that UCU with input from disabled members sitting committee and disabled members produces guidelines for minimum and desirable accessibility standards and publicises to branches

Original bullet points 2 and 3 then become bullets 3 and 4. Then add two new bullet 5 and 6 below:

5. that UCU campaigns for removal of barriers of access to STEM, including abuse of health and safety and negative attitudes, publicises good practice and names and shames 'bad' institutions

6. that UCU publicises the DISC project UCU Scotland is participating in and its recommendations and other outcomes when available.

### **14 (EP) Social model of disability**

### **Coleg Gwent Newport**

Congress notes that the social model of disability was adopted by the United Nations through the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (UNCRPD), which was ratified by the UK Government in 2009.

Congress further notes the excellent work done by the equality standing committee in producing toolkits supporting the social model of disability.

Congress believes that the social model of disability can reduce the possibility of discrimination within the workplace. Members with disabilities may be indirectly discriminated against when needing additional time off due to their impairments.

Congress calls upon branches:

1. to seek that their institutions adopt the social model within its policies
2. raise awareness of the social model within its institutions and wider communities
3. to negotiate a separate disability leave section in their sickness absence policies.

### ***Equality for LGBT+ members, paragraph 6.6***

### **15 No more excuses: Close the LGBT+ data gap committee**

### **National executive**

The National LGBT Survey (2018) demonstrated that prejudice against LGBT+ people exists at all levels of education. Effective data collection has potential to tackle this by making LGBT+ people a statistical reality with equality of social capital.

The higher education equality body (now HE Advance) said that 'Sexual orientation has not yet received the same degree of analytical attention as other protected characteristics such as gender, disability, age, and race/ethnicity' (2018). Its 2017 statistical report on HE staff equality examined sexual orientation in four tables; ethnicity was discussed in 43 tables and gender in 31 tables.

Congress calls on UCU:

1. to remind employers that their Public Sector Equality Duties require advancement of equality, and their ability to do this depends on good data
2. to promote the closure of the LGBT+ data gap for staff in post-16 education, and the need for intersectionality to be included in data collection.

**16 Lyra McKee legacy Yorkshire and Humberside regional committee**

Congress:

1. sends solidarity to the National Union of Journalists on the death of Lyra McKee, a journalist killed when doing her job, and condolences to her partner and family.
2. congratulates trade unionists who organised protests after the killing. This reaction shows the mass of Northern Irish people do not want to return to political violence. Trade unionists in NI, like Lyra, courageously campaign against sectarianism, paramilitarism and repression.
3. celebrates Lyra as a powerful advocate for LGBT+, civil, and human rights. Her journalistic work showed empathy with the marginalised, documenting how many have been left out in Northern Ireland's political process.
4. notes Lyra, a young gay woman in NI, was denied the right to marry the person she loved. In honour of Lyra, Congress commits UCU to do what is in our power to make equal marriage available in Northern Ireland.
5. resolves to donate £500 to the GoFundMe Lyra legacy fund.

***Equality for women members, paragraph 7.4 (guidance on gender based violence)***

**17 (EP) Gender based violence UCU Scotland**

Congress notes and welcomes the work of UCU, NUS, the Scottish Government and higher education institutions promoting action against gender based violence in Scottish HE and the work of Strathclyde University's Equally Safe in HE initiative in developing a toolkit.

Congress also welcomes the rolling out of signposting information on gender based violence to every member of staff in Scottish higher education.

Congress notes that, sadly, incidences of gender based violence in higher education institutions remain all too high, and that there are continuing reports of misogynistic behaviour on campuses and amongst student groups.

Congress believes that the current initiatives in higher education are timely and positive but that progress must be maintained and therefore calls on UCU to seek further opportunities to work co-operatively across the HE and FE sectors to tackle gender based violence.

***Equality for women members, paragraph 7.6 (challenging sexual harassment in the workplace)***

**18 Sexual harassment and abuse have no place in our union Women members standing committee**

Congress applauds the #MeToo movement.

Congress believes

1. we need to take a stand in support of survivors and in making our workplaces free of sexual harassment
2. the use of non-disclosure agreements allow those accused of harassment to move to new workplaces without facing charges and puts other people (overwhelmingly women) at risk.

Congress resolves:

- a. introduce new rule 6.1.2 in national rules:  
UCU will refuse membership to, or expel from existing membership, any person who is found guilty of sexual harassment as this conduct is contrary to the rules of UCU as outlined in 6.1 above
- b. to develop a campaign countering use of non-disclosure agreements involving accusations of sexual harassment—including running FOI exercise to investigate institutions using these
- c. to campaign for institutions to refer sexual harassment/rape cases to the police
- d. produce guidelines in how to audit disciplinary and grievance policies.

### **18A.1 London regional committee**

Add new congress resolves 'e': "To require relevant bodies to produce clear and detailed guidance for NEC members, regional and branch officers on how best to support and advise members reporting sexual harassment, including cases in which the alleged perpetrators are other UCU members, officers or staff."

### **18A.2 Anti-casualisation committee**

Add to the end of Congress resolves part d:

These guidelines need to recognise sexual harassment, and the threat of sexual harassment, which can be present particularly in the lives of many casualised, vulnerable and mainly female staff and PhD students, who may often feel obliged to keep quiet and not 'rock the boat', because they risk losing teaching hours or supervisory support.

## **19 (EP) Accountability of colleges and universities: Sexual harassment National executive committee**

A recent case at the University of Warwick highlighted us to the fact of how such institutions are negating their responsibilities in tackling and addressing these sexist issues. The case of two students making direct threats of rape and sexual abuse were in the first instance dealt with adequately, but on appeal sanctions previously imposed were suddenly diluted and demeaned the severity of the impact to their female survivors. It is clear that the costs of losing students are primary to management and consideration of the survivor is secondary.

Congress believes that colleges and universities should have a clear and robust policy in holding students to account in cases of sexual harassment.

Congress resolves to

1. highlight the rise of sexual abuse in colleges and universities
2. promote the need for management to take these issues seriously

3. work with others to educate students and staff.

***New paragraph, Gender identity, after paragraph 7.7***

**20 Gender identity after the 2018 Gender Recognition Act (GRA) consultation  
LGBT+ members standing committee**

Congress notes that the report on the consultation on the GRA has been delayed by government due, at least in part, to government pandering to the reactionaries of the right.

Congress recognises that gender and biological sex are different. Gender is a social category, not a biological one. Congress believes that everyone has the right to self-define their gender, including legal gender recognition.

Congress notes the diversity of gender identity and calls on UCU to continue to promote a greater awareness of the issues faced by every part of the LGBT+ community.

In the event of government retreat over the GRA consultation, Congress resolves to continue to campaign for further legal change guaranteeing gender self-identification.

**20A.1 Composite: Women members standing committee, University of Leeds,  
National Executive Committee**

In the second paragraph, after the first sentence which ends in 'not a biological one', remove full stop and add new sentence, 'and modern evidence indicates that neither are binary'.

After the last sentence in the last paragraph, take out full stop and add, 'and formal recognition of non-binary status for data gathering purposes and for options for non-binary and no gender indication options on passports and other documents that indicate gender'.

**21 Respectful dialogue on gender/gender diversity University of Edinburgh**

Congress notes:

1. proposed changes to the Gender Recognition Act have potentially profound consequences for a range of social and institutional regulations, procedures and practices
2. the debate over definitions of 'sex', 'gender' and 'gender identity' in and beyond universities has become hostile and intimidating
3. feminist scholars have been targeted for publishing research on sex and gender.

Congress believes:

- a. UCU is rightly committed to promoting equality
- b. UCU members hold a variety of views on issues of sex and gender and have much to contribute to public debate
- c. potential conflicts of rights should be discussed openly in a spirit of respectful, evidence-based dialogue.

Congress calls on UCU to:

- i. reaffirm its commitment to academic freedom in research and teaching



- ii. condemn the harassment of feminist academics for expressing views on sex and gender
- iii. construct spaces in which gender diversity can be explored through respectful dialogue.

**21A.1 Composite: University of Leeds, LGBT+ members standing committee**

In Congress notes 1, delete from 'potentially profound consequences...' to end of clause. Replace with 'the potential to significantly improve trans people's lives'.

In 3. insert 'trans and other' between 'feminist' and 'scholars'.

In Congress believes a. add at end after 'equality': 'under the Equality Act 2010 and other legislation, and supports proposed changes to the 2004 Gender Recognition Act that support trans people and their rights.'

In Congress believes c, delete 'potential conflicts of rights' insert 'the rights of oppressed groups'.

In 'Congress calls on UCU to ii; add 'and trans people' after 'academics'.

In Congress calls on UCU to ii, at end, delete 'and gender' insert 'gender and gender identity'.

In final sentence (iii), add at end 'underpinned by solidarity with all oppressed groups and promote unity in action of women and trans people in the face of attacks on either group.'

***New paragraph, Justice for women facing retirement, after paragraph 7.7***

**22 Seeking justice for women facing retirement                      Southern retired members**

Congress recognises the injustice experienced by women whose state pensions have been deferred without adequate notification. The consequences have been that those affected were unable to make long-term financial plans and some are now experiencing significant hardship.

Congress calls on the NEC to undertake an active campaign, together with other trades unions and campaign groups to seek justice for the many retired UCU members and others who have been disadvantaged.

***New paragraph, Other equality issues, after paragraph 7.7***

**23      Extension of Equality Act protection to single people                      National executive committee**

Congress notes:

1. under the Equality Act 2010 married people and people in civil partnerships are protected from discrimination on grounds of marital status, but single people are not and so can lawfully be treated less favourably
2. that lack of legal protection gives scope for expression of negative attitudes towards single people
3. that if health and social care services are organised on the assumption that people have a 'next of kin' family member who can look after them in periods of illness and disability, this disadvantages single people

4. that there are various forms of existing discrimination against single people, such as single person supplements charged by holiday firms
5. that discussion of loneliness as a health problem can foster negative stereotypes of the lives of single people.

Congress believes that the Equality Act should be extended to include single people as a protected category and will work to achieve this legal reform.

## **Section 2: Business of the education committee (section 4 of the NEC report to Congress)**

### ***Introduction (principles of education), paragraph 1.2***

#### **24 Education policy and campaigning National executive committee**

Congress welcomes the achievements of the education committee during 2018/19, noting in particular its work on:

1. university admissions reform
2. amplifying staff critiques of/attitudes towards the TEF
3. decent apprenticeships
4. the life changing impact of FE and adult education
5. challenges faced by female Black professors
6. lodging an historic and significant complaint to UNESCO on (insufficient) academic freedom in the UK.

Congress notes UCU's increasing public policy influence across all UK nations and affirms our commitment to playing an instrumental role in the development of a truly inclusive, transformative national education service.

Congress agrees the education committee should prioritise pursuit of a new project to challenge managerialism in education, including:

- a. development of resources to support coordinated branch level campaigns
- b. campaigning to support international staff, challenging financial and political barriers connected to immigration
- c. pushing to secure long-term sustainability of the Transforming FE campaign.

#### **25 Education and social justice Petroc**

Congress believes:

1. we need a National Education Service (NES) that recognises the need for the minds of the young to be informed and allowed to question. A child should be able to think freely with scope for imagination and creativity to have free reign.
2. today's national curriculum is ever more abbreviated, and social and political discussion is sometimes curtailed
3. the educational system needs radical change, to ensure future generations are offered the tools to question and challenge, according to universal educational principles based on diversity, equality and informed critical thinking.

Congress resolves that UCU campaigns for:

- a. students to be empowered to explore ideas critically
- b. campuses to identify safe spaces open to all, where social and political ideas can be shared
- c. a national strategy for this, working to promote it with other unions and organisations.

### **25A.1 North West regional committee**

Add to end:

- d. That student reps are invited to UCU events to increase the every day solidarity that exists between staff and student unions, further encouraging students to take their places at the top table.

### **25A.2 LGBT+ members standing committee**

Add to Congress resolves:

- d. A national education policy, developed by Government, which
  - i. guarantees the primacy of critical thinking & equality in the classroom,
  - ii. prohibits religion being used as grounds to deny or limit the equal treatment of vulnerable minority groups such as LGBT+ people
  - iii. prevents religion being used to limit the positive, progressive inclusion and visibility of LGBT+ people and relationships in all teaching curricula and all learning materials across the full curriculum.

### ***Developing clear policies, paragraph 2.1***

### **26 Public money public code campaign Academic related, professional staff committee**

Congress notes:

1. the tendency of institutions to centralise IT staff, closely followed by greater outsourcing/buying closed software solutions
2. this narrows the scope for up-skilling/professional development and gives management
3. the feeling that staff are a commodity resource, leading to deprofessionalisation of the workforce
4. the failure of some proprietary software in producing value for money to meet the sectors needs.

Congress notes:

- a. that this narrowing of offering to academic staff impacts on academic freedom, as the institution will push for their chosen platform or solution
- b. this strategy leads to closed proprietary systems and vendor lock-in, and in the case of research increases the cost of reproducibility.

Congress resolves:

- i. that UCU sign the FSFE 'public money public code' declaration

- ii. to work with the public money public code campaign for open software in education.

**27 (EP)      Lecture capture                      UCU Scotland**

Congress notes that new technology such as lecture capture and space surveillance mechanisms have significant implications for post-16 education.

Congress calls upon NEC to develop and update UCU policy and negotiating guidance to take the following issues into account:

1. data protection issues, including privacy of staff and students
2. the principle of freely given consent for recordings
3. dignity at work and study
4. copyright, intellectual property and performance rights
5. training needs of staff
6. storage, retention and distribution of recordings
7. academic freedom
8. equality impact assessments.

***New paragraph, education and climate change, after paragraph 3.1***

**28      Composite: Schoolchildren's strike and education for green jobs  
Open University, National executive committee, City of Oxford College  
Activate Learning**

Congress welcomes the commitment by Jeremy Corbyn that a Labour Government will create 400,000 new green jobs to tackle climate change. This provides opportunities to implement a Just Transition agenda through the Greener Jobs Alliance (GJA).

Congress welcomes and expresses solidarity with the schoolchildren's climate change strike, protesting about the lack of action by governments on climate change. Congress regards the protests as being about a fundamentally important political issue as well as an important part of 'citizenship education'.

Future generations, both in jobs concerned with climate change and the wider workforce, need awareness of environmental issues and of producing in a carbon-neutral manner. Awareness is also needed of equality issues, so that solutions to problems of climate change are not at the expense of the most disadvantaged groups and peoples in the world. The post 16 education sector can contribute research, education and training to provide the knowledge basis for tackling climate change and to develop the workforce needed for green jobs.

UCU will work with a Labour government and environmental groups to develop research, education courses and qualifications to support expansion of green jobs. These should replace high-carbon industries in a socially equitable way.

Congress asks NEC to:

1. organise support for further action by school and college students on this issue
2. seek cooperation with the NUS to involve student members in a supportive fashion

3. encourage UCU members to develop appropriate teaching material which could be used in schools and colleges to help develop the debate around the issue of climate change and, where appropriate, include the debate about climate change in courses.

### **28A.1 University of Manchester**

Add after 'equitable way' at end of paragraph 4

Congress welcomes the attention drawn to the climate emergency by Extinction Rebellion, and Greta Thunberg's call for a general strike to demand dramatic, immediate action.

Add points 4 and 5:

4. campaign for universities, USS, and equivalent institutions to divest from carbon-heavy industries and implement carbon reductions and offsets in travel to help become carbon neutral by 2030.
5. support and promote calls for a general strike for action on climate change, and call on the TUC to organise this.

### **29 Extinction Rebellion/youth strikes                      National executive committee**

Congress

1. offers its solidarity to those who have taken part in Youth Strike for Climate and the Extinction Rebellion actions
2. believes that the current climate change emergency justifies the action taken
3. welcomes the call by Greta Thunberg for a general strike to highlight climate emergency and demand urgent measures by government and employers to tackle climate change.

Congress

- a. defends the right of school, college and university students to take part in protests and opposes any disciplinary action taken against them
- b. encourages UCU branches to work with Extinction Rebellion and Youth Strike for Climate activists to support and promote their actions
- c. calls on UCU branches to campaign for climate emergencies to be declared on university and college campuses
- d. asks members to engage individually and collectively at their institutions to achieve as many positive climate related changes as possible.

### **30 'Thanksgiving' for nuclear threat to existence                      National executive committee**

Congress deplores the Thanksgiving service on 3 May for 50 years of nuclear weapons and recently announced US proposals to use nuclear reactors on the battlefield and notes a recent NGO report on Trident replacement overspend and delays.

Congress reaffirms policy of committed opposition to nuclear weapons and nuclear power and that nuclear power is not the solution to climate change.

Congress resolves to

1. produce and distribute campaigning and organising materials on opposition to nuclear weapons and climate change as two major threats to continued existence
2. encourage branches to organise meetings and other activities on nuclear weapons and climate change
3. encourage members to engage with their students on these issues, including in their teaching
4. campaign, including by supporting broadbased demonstrations and other events, a public statement and encouraging members to write to MPs, for an immediate end to the Trident replacement programme.

**31 (EP) Access in retirement to academic libraries, journals and data bases Yorkshire and Humberside retired members**

Congress notes that many university and college staff wish to continue with research and scholarly activities in retirement. However, if they do not have emeritus or visiting scholar status, access to academic libraries, journals and data bases may be ended with retirement, or severely restricted. This is particularly problematic where specialist information is required from scholarly journals which increasingly exist only in electronic forms and from which retired researchers find they are now excluded.

Therefore Congress asks the NEC to investigate the possibility of free academic library access that adopts standard academic borrowing conditions for all retired college and university staff, regardless of seniority - for instance, on a three-year renewable basis. Congress further recommends that NEC investigate whether remote, and not only on-site, access can be made available for university and college staff who have retired. Congress requests the NEC to issue guidance to members on this matter.

**Section 3: Business of the recruitment, organising and campaigning committee (section 5 of the NEC report to Congress)**

***Paragraph 1.2 (priorities and Get the Vote Out)***

**32 (EP) Participation, GTVO and priority campaigns National executive committee**

Congress notes the progress made by UCU in increasing average turnout in ballots from 38% to 49% since the passing of the Trade Union Act and recognises the challenges this unfair legislation presents to the union.

NEC is instructed to continue to prioritise increased participation in the union and specifically:

1. directly supporting branches in dispute, including via GTVO campaigns
2. expanding training opportunities for active members
3. prioritising help for small branches
4. continuing to grow the union through recruitment, and

5. providing support for priority national campaigns aimed at tackling pay, inequality, ending casualisation and addressing workload.

### **32A.1 University of Brighton, Grand Parade**

Add at end of 5:

This should include addressing funding disparities between institutions within the FE and HE sectors by collating and circulating financial data on universities and colleges comparing levels of surpluses, reserves, capital spending, pay levels of senior staff etc. and providing training to branches on understanding these disparities for campaigning purposes.

### **32A.2 London Regional Committee**

Add point 6

6. To secure support from members to fight over pay UCU must be able to counter the employer's narrative that they can't afford above inflation pay rises. To do so UCU is instructed to organise training days entitled 'Alternative accounting'. Many of the UCU FE branches have been successful with this approach when they have campaigned around the slogan 'the money is there we want our share'.

### ***Paragraph 1.3 (local and national campaigns)***

### **33 Campaigning against victimisation of UCL UCU branch secretary Tony Brown University College London**

Congress notes that:

1. an employment tribunal panel has unanimously found that UCL UCU branch secretary Tony Brown was victimised by UCL management for carrying out trade union activities
2. the trade union activities were setting up an opt-out email list for staff to use in response to management imposed restrictions
3. UCL has appealed the case to the EAT
4. UCU Congress 2017 reaffirmed strong support for members subject to victimisation by their employer.

Congress believes:

- a. an injury to one is an injury to all
- b. freedom of association is a fundamental right that supports collective bargaining
- c. this is a test case on the right of trade unions to use email facilities to organise at work.

Congress:

- i. calls on the NEC to declare this matter a dispute of national significance
- ii. instructs the NEC to support UCL UCU to publicise the case and seek practical and financial solidarity.

### ***Paragraph 1.5 (campaigning re Prevent)***

#### **34 Citizenship stripping/immigration measures standing committee**

**Black members**

Congress notes:

1. the Counter-Terrorism and Border Security Act 2019, which adds to existing legislation to expand state surveillance mechanisms and punitive powers
2. the encroachment of immigration enforcement and 'hostile environment' policies on campuses
3. the implementation of the Prevent policy as a statutory duty on campuses.
4. the citizenship stripping of Shamima Begum, highlighting how migrants and their descendants can be arbitrarily deprived of British citizenship.

Congress condemns attempts to instruct staff to engage in racial profiling, the policing of thought and the failure to protect staff against the risks of human rights violations arising from workplace actions. No colleague should be asked to collude with actions that may be used to remove citizenship.

Congress resolves to:

- a. review advice on instructions that could be used to enact human rights violations
- b. form a working group to monitor risks to staff arising from Prevent and immigration control.

#### **35 Christchurch and Prevent Black members' standing committee**

In the aftermath of the terrible attacks at two Christchurch mosques on 15th March, conference notes:

The attempt to rehabilitate the Prevent programme as a means of preventing similar far-right attacks in the UK.

Conference believes that promoting Prevent as a tool to combat Islamophobia is cynical and lacking credibility, given the role of Prevent in institutionalising Islamophobia. Conference believes the media campaign to rehabilitate Prevent is designed to further entrench the repressive apparatus of Prevent in universities, colleges and other public bodies.

Conference Resolves:

1. To oppose any expansion of Prevent, and to prepare campaign materials reiterating our call for its abolition;
2. To support branches in developing local campaigns against Prevent alongside students.

### ***Paragraph 1.6 (anti-casualisation day of action)***

#### **36 (EP) Anti-casualisation South east regional committee**

Increasing casualisation impacts negatively on lecturing staff, notably their mental health. They are often given the largest and most challenging classes which impacts on workload and stress levels – much work goes unrewarded for example: impromptu meetings with students and staff, CPD, open days, interviews. Many hourly paid staff use holiday periods to complete marking and preparation as well as



responding to emails from students and colleagues. Sick pay is inadequate or not paid.

Casualised staff end up in spiralling debt on insecure contracts and their mental health suffers as lack of pay means that monthly financial outgoings cannot be met further exacerbating stress and depression.

Lecturers are pitted against their peers in the vain hope that they will be given a full time or fractional post.

Congress:

1. reiterates its opposition to casualised contracts
2. urges UCU to make the ending of all such contracts a priority.

### **37 (EP) End the abuses of casualised contracts University of Glasgow**

Congress welcomes the progress made through the hard work of activists and deplores the ways that institutions are trying to circumvent legislation and/or their own policies.

Congress reaffirms that the focus of improving policy and obtaining fractional contracts must not be at the expense of job loss by casualised staff.

Congress instructs NEC to obtain data and details and/or case studies including:

1. institutional anti-casualisation policies
2. staff who legally should have received a permanent/open-ended contract but are still on casualised contracts
3. staff who have a mixture of permanent/open-ended and casualised contracts
4. casualised staff who have lost their jobs as a result of policy changes.

And to:

- a. name and shame the worst employers
- b. publicise good practice, including through case studies
- c. campaign for improved collective agreements, including through tribunal cases, where appropriate.

### **38 Developing negotiations to increase job security National executive committee**

Congress applauds the work of many UCU activists who have campaigned and worked over the years to make anti-casualisation a central aspect of UCU's work. It recognises the progress achieved in our understanding of this issue, as a concern for all members, and applauds negotiating gains which have transferred casualised staff to more secure contracts.

Congress notes, however, the danger that employers may, despite anti-casualisation agreements, seek to create new forms of precarious work or new layers of casualised staff.

Congress therefore instructs the relevant committees of the NEC to explore the feasibility and usefulness of collective agreements which determine the staffing structure of educational institutions. Such agreements can be used to establish the

norm for employment as full-time or fractional permanent contracts and restrict the creation of casualised employment. They can also address workload pressures arising from under-staffing.

**39 (EP)      Equality and casualisation      National executive committee**

Congress notes:

1. the continued obstacles to equality and career development for women, black, disabled and LGBT+ colleagues in FE and HE
2. the intersection of protected characteristics with one another, and with the growing use and abuse of precarious and casualised working: black, LGBT+, disabled and women colleagues are disproportionately likely to work under insecure contracts and conditions
3. the need to link work on pay inequities with work on casualisation and disability, and on homophobic, racist and sexist cultures.

Congress resolves

- a. to ensure consultation and sharing of information about bargaining and campaigning on equal pay and related equality issues between sector committees and the cross-sectoral anti-casualisation and equality committees
- b. to promote awareness among branch activists and negotiators of the crucial links between casualisation, disability and race gender and LGBT+ inequities, and provide relevant legal advice
- c. to encourage branches to take casualisation and gender claims.

**39A.1 Open University**

Add at end:

- d. to organise a national meeting on the intersection of protected characteristics with low pay and lack of job security, with branch representatives and individual activists able to register and take part. This meeting should include workshops and plenary sessions, and feed back to the NEC, ACC and equality committees.
- e. that the NEC will plan local and national campaigning on the issues raised in this motion, in conjunction with the anti-casualisation and equality committees.

**39A.2 Disabled members' standing committee**

Add to Congress resolves:

- d. for NEC to create with DMSC and anti-casualisation committee a campaign pack that branches can use to make campaign on and make claims in relation to disability and casualisation.

**40      Investigating UK companies and agencies exploiting or profiting from casualisation      West Midlands regional committee**

Congress notes the use of 'temp' and casual work agencies for the purposes of:

1. evading education workers' rights to union representation (e.g. Coventry University)
2. undermining lawful industrial action.

Congress resolves:

- a. to commission an investigation by 'Corporate Watch' or other relevant union-friendly research agency to map the location, activities and power of education staffing companies and agencies exploiting or profiting from casualisation in the UK
- b. to make this research complement rather than overlap existing research conducted by or on behalf of UCU
- c. to mandate a reasonable expenditure of funds necessary to produce a full report including:
  - i. mini-profiles of the companies profiting from casualisation in education, their ownership structures, finances, business models and interests of shareholding parties
  - ii. recommendations of areas of potential leverage that can be used against insecure, atypical or illegal employment practices and in defence of workers' rights.

***Paragraph 1.7 (pay and equality campaigning)***

**41 Women and casualisation**

**Anti-casualisation committee**

Congress notes that more women, especially those from intersecting equality strands, are stuck on casualised contracts. It is a significant equal pay issue. It hinders career progression and means they earn less than male comparators in permanent positions. They then cannot get off the lower quartile of pay or precarious employment conditions. This is an equal pay issue that UCU, the government and employers need to confront. Employers will say that equal pay is not problematic because of contract type.

Congress resolves to:

1. encourage UCU funding of a casualised woman's equal pay claim
2. promote to branches and give guidance on equal pay claims in branch campaigns and local management negotiations
3. hold a special NEC meeting, solely on casualised workers, to progress work on this issue within the union
4. promote this issue with the Labour party and other political parties.

***Paragraph 1.8 (GTVO and the Trade Union Act)***

**42 (EP) Industrial strategy and the anti-union laws**

**University of Brighton**

Congress notes

1. the successful mobilisation around the USS dispute and a number of FE disputes
2. the recent 70% strike vote and 41% turnout in HE is a massive mandate for action and the biggest vote ever for pay in the UCU
3. only the imposition of a 50% turnout threshold by the Tories in 2016 prevented this being a legal mandate for action.

Congress believes

- a. members in all sectors want to see gains over pay, equality, defence of jobs, pensions and working conditions
- b. these gains depend on our ability to take industrial action
- c. the 50% threshold can be exceeded on a national basis not just locally.

Congress resolves to

- i. implement and build on the recommendations of the commission on effective industrial action
- ii. engage the membership in developing mechanisms for achieving the legal threshold including
- iii. spreading the most effective locally developed GTVO techniques
- iv. encouraging regional mutual support arrangements for branches.

### **43 Tory anti-trade union legislation      National executive committee**

1. Congress reiterates UCU's opposition to the Tory Trade Union Act 2016.
2. most recently the Act has prevented industrial action against employers in respect of poor pay in HE and the gender pay gap despite majority votes for industrial action. Other unions have been similarly impacted
3. despite the historically high turnout achieved in a national postal ballot and considerable GTVO efforts by branch activists and the gratifyingly high vote for industrial action, failure to achieve the 50 percent threshold has once again left members understandably angry and frustrated.

Congress resolves:

- a. that UCU's leadership shall organise a day of action against the anti-trade union legislation, and
- b. that the union calls on the TUC should organise a broad TU protest against this unjust anti-working class attack on workers' rights to take industrial action.

#### **43A.1 National executive committee**

Add at end of point 1. 'and all other anti-trade union legislation.'

Add in Congress resolves a new point c.: 'to call on an incoming Labour government to immediately rescind all anti-union legislation.'

### **44 (EP)      RMB assistance      East Midlands retired members**

This Congress notes and welcomes the involvement of retired members branches in the GTVO process.

It urges the NEC to consider further appropriate auxiliary help by the RMBs to working branches, and to inform working branches of this source of additional assistance.

### **45 Financial and training support for organising      University of Sheffield**

Congress notes:

1. participation thresholds mandated by anti-trade union laws impede industrial action, despite strong member support. Thus, there is an urgent need to improve organising support for branches
2. existing organising training (Advanced Reps) requires Rep 1, limiting its accessibility to members
3. branches differ significantly in membership densities and available backfilled facility time.

Congress resolves:

- a. to rename Advanced Reps to 'UCU Organisers': A 1-2 day course assuming no prior knowledge of UCU structures, covering recruitment, GTVO, building strike committees, and coordinating effective industrial action.
- b. to provide funds to regional offices to act as organising hubs, which will:
  - i. coordinate and deliver organiser training
  - ii. provide specialist support to branches developing GTVO plans
  - iii. coordinate and deliver telephone banking, and be able to requisition additional staffing to support this
- c. to permit branches to request access to these funds to coordinate their own campaigning.

***New paragraph, Climate change and environmental campaigning, after paragraph 1.12***

**46 Composite: The climate emergency: zero carbon workplaces by 2030  
University of Warwick, Lambeth College**

Congress notes:

1. the IPCC report (Oct 2018) on anthropogenic global climate change outlines the significantly intensified harm likely to result from a 2°C vs 1.5°C rise; but acknowledges the possibility of avoiding this
2. a growing international movement of school students' strikes demanding urgent action on climate change, including walkouts on 15 February and 15 March by tens of thousands of school, college and university students
3. student/staff campaigns have helped push over 70 UK universities to pledge to divest from fossil fuels
4. UK universities and colleges have reduced greenhouse gas emissions, but most no longer comply with new scientific understanding
5. some UK university managements, such as Bristol, are rising to this challenge, setting clear targets for carbon neutrality by 2030; elsewhere, such as the University of Warwick, UCU branches are supporting student leadership.

Congress believes

- a. the depletion of the planet's resources by neoliberal powers is unsustainable. These are the same powers implementing marketisation of education.
- b. the UK government is failing to meet its obligations under the Paris Agreement

- c. unions should have a much more integral role in ensuring that climate change policies are advancing.

Congress resolves to

- i. publicise the climate strikes to members and urge them to set up solidarity actions for future strikes
- ii. issue a public statement on the climate emergency and commit to researching and developing a plan to achieve 'scope 3' carbon neutrality by 2030 in all the institutions where members work
- iii. encourage all UCU branches to recognise a state of climate emergency and develop a campaign, in collaboration with others including education unions, for all educational institutional commitments to 'scope 3' carbon neutrality by 2030
- iv. produce campaign and resources to raise eco consciousness.

#### **47 Just transition London retired members**

Whilst recognising right of energy unions to defend their members pay and conditions during a just transition to a low carbon economy, Congress regards this as an issue which is of legitimate concern to all parts of the labour movement.

Trade unions must help a just transition; shifting energy production, transport, housing and agriculture onto a sustainable basis; with workers and communities most directly affected re-skilled.

Congress instructs the executive to approach other education unions and interested parties to:

1. lobby Government to carry out their obligations under the Paris Agreement and sustainable development goals in educating the public and students about climate change and the measures needed to deal with it
2. press for every FHE institution to be zero carbon by 2030
3. make just transition key in our discussions about the National Education Service; and
4. support the call for a just transition conference open to all unions.

#### **48 Food waste National executive committee**

Congress notes that:

1. eight million people in the UK are living in food poverty.
2. according to the Waste and Resources Action Plan (WRAP), the UK wastes 10 million tonnes of food every year.
3. in France, it is now against the law for large supermarkets to throw away unused food, which must be donated to a non-profit charity or foodbank. Denmark reduced food waste by 25% in five years through simple measures.
4. universities and colleges often have large campuses with multiple food outlets.

Congress instructs the union to develop guidance for branches to:

- a. work with student unions and environmental reps to urge institutions to reduce food waste on their campuses.

- b. encourage institutions to donate excess food to local food banks.
- c. share good practice from institutions where successful initiatives are already in place.
- d. highlight to employers the financial benefits of reducing food waste in line with the Courtauld Commitment 2025.

***New paragraph, Support for reps, after 1.12***

**49 Reps' network National executive committee**

Congress notes that:

- 1. workplace reps are volunteers and are often faced with stressful situations and distressing casework and the role can be isolating and lonely
- 2. UCU provides the Education Support Partnership service for members, which provides 'independent, confidential 24/7 support' on many issues
- 3. counselling support from education specialists may not extend to the specific emotional issues faced by reps
- 4. members of branch committees are often juggling full-time jobs alongside their union duties and may not have time to offer emotional support to other reps.
- 5. union matters are confidential and therefore cannot be discussed with friends or family outside of the union.

Congress instructs UCU to create a reps' network with appropriate training and mentoring, comprised of volunteer reps/ former reps who would offer a listening ear (telephone or face-to-face) to workplace reps who are without a mechanism for offloading distressing experiences that must remain confidential within the union.

**49A.1 National executive committee**

Add, at end: 'Congress further instructs NEC to bring forward proposals for the embedding of self-care and mental health protection in union training, in particular for, but not limited to, reps and branch officers.'

***New paragraph, Defend the welfare state, after paragraph 1.12***

**50 Casuals, benefits and the welfare state Anti-casualisation committee**

Congress notes that:

- 1. there is not sufficient recognition that large numbers of our members often need to access the welfare state, owing to constant breaks in employment and underemployment
- 2. the health of the trade union movement depends on solidarity, community and identity between employed and unemployed workers
- 3. Tory austerity is destroying our welfare state and demonising benefit claimants
- 4. universal credit is designed to plunge working class people into poverty and must be scrapped.

Congress asks UCU to:

- a. publish a guide to benefits and the welfare state, focusing on frequent breaks in employment and under-employment/low pay. This should be accompanied by guidance on distribution, to grow our movement
- b. actively campaign alongside other unions and campaigns to defend the welfare state
- c. encourage branches to demand employers provide support for members affected by universal credit.

Congress commits to building support for this policy throughout UCU.

***New paragraph, Managerialism and financialisation, after paragraph 1.12***

**51 Managerialisation and financialisation of higher and further education  
Southern regional committee**

Congress notes the hardship inflicted on all staff as a result of managerialisation and financialisation in both HE and FE, and enforced deviations in national contracts. Congress also notes the devastating impact of the extensive borrowing, complex financial arrangements and disproportionately ambitious building/property transactions of the institutions and affiliates which have been used by management to justify detriment on pay, pensions and conditions.

Congress calls on the NEC to:

1. commission critical financial accounting reviews to help challenge institutions undertaking so-called 'voluntary' or compulsory redundancies, precarity, outsourcing, or those expressing financial hardship to justify pensions contributions increases or benefits reductions.
2. produce a report of all the institutions that have deviated in the past 10 years from the national agreements with details of the deviations involved, and to produce an annual report going forward of all deviations in national contract from relevant institutions.

**51A.1 Academic related, professional staff committee**

Add at end of first paragraph after 'conditions' - 'Congress notes that HEIs have never implemented the national agreement for academic related professional staff, which exacerbates these detriments.'

Add a point 3 to 'Congress calls on the NEC to' - '3. produce a report of any good practice regarding the implementation of the national agreement for academic related professional staff, and produce a model claim for branches to submit to address this issue.'

***New paragraph, campaigning for retired members, after paragraph 1.12***

**52 (EP) Social care Wales retired members**

Congress notes that in Wales there is a campaign to recruit 20,000 more social care workers. Given the increase in the elderly population England and the other devolved regions funding for social care should not rely on a person's bank balance.

Congress asks UCU to campaign through whatever means in order for the government to adequately fund social care. In addition, Congress is asked to support a campaign to ensure that social care workers in England and the devolved regions



are paid a wage that reflects their responsibilities and calls for an end to zero hour contracts and payment by the minute for all care workers in both the public and private sector.

#### **Section 4: Business of the strategy and finance committee (section 1 of the NEC's report to Congress)**

##### **Motions 53-57 to be taken in private session**

##### ***Finance and property, paragraph 3.1***

##### **53 Appointment of auditors National executive committee**

Congress approves the appointment of Knox Cropper as the union's auditors for the year ending 31 August 2019.

##### **54 Audited financial statements National executive committee**

Congress receives the union's audited financial statements for the 12-month period ending 31 August 2018 as asset out in UCU/931.

##### **55 Budget 2019-2020 National executive committee**

Congress endorses the budget for September 2019-August 2020 as set out in UCU/932.

##### **56 Subscription rates and bands National executive committee**

Congress accepts the treasurer's report on progress with the review of subscription rates and bands and endorses the changes to band structures and subscription rates from 1 September 2019 as set out in UCU/933.

##### **57 Repayment of incurred expenses Northern regional committee**

The work that delegates do on behalf the union is extensive and can incur considerable cost. Although the costs are recouped, delegates are often left out of pocket for periods of time. These out of pocket expenses exponentially increase the further away from London the delegate is and the delegate is often reimbursed 6 – 8 weeks after the cost has been incurred. This repayment process can be discriminatory to casualised staff or those from regions outside of the commuter belt. The union would not expect members to pay out hundreds of pounds in advance to do work for the employer and should not be held to a lower standard.

Congress resolves:

1. to pay out valid expense claims within 28 days
2. to facilitate head office purchasing travel documents/accommodation direct for delegates where requested, as offered option rather than special circumstance, thus minimising the out of pocket expenses.

##### ***Motion 58 onwards to be taken in open session***

##### **58 Efficient membership data management University of Birmingham**

Congress notes:

1. due to turnout thresholds, efficient membership data management is essential for successful ballots

2. the current form for members to edit their information only allows for a single email rather than a work/personal email as previously. This is problematic as branches often rely on work emails to identify staff, whilst many members prefer to receive union communications to personal email
3. effective GTVO requires up-to-date reports of current members including exclusion from current ballots and whether they have voted
4. membership secretaries need a simple method to report exclusions and leavers.

Congress resolves:

- a. allow members to store and update work and home emails in MyUCU
- b. include current exclusion (with reason) and voting data in existing membership data exports and allow leavers to be updated in UCU eServices
- c. ensure funds are made available so that functionality can be put in place whether through updating, or even replacing, existing systems.

### **59 (EP) Composite: Protecting employment rights and Brexit** **Chesterfield College, University of Westminster (Regent)**

Congress notes motion 10 carried by Congress 2017. It calls on the NEC to give an update on the programme of work voted for in this motion.

Congress notes the long period of uncertainty around the final form of Brexit and the UK's future relationship with the European Union. Whatever the outcome Congress resolves that UCU:

1. support fully continued educational and academic links with educational institutions within the EU
2. defend employment and equality rights to be at least as good as those operating within the EU
3. continue to support EU citizens who are studying and working in UK universities and colleges, and their families
4. continue to oppose racism and xenophobia.

#### **59A.1 Croydon College**

Add at end:

5. to organise with other trade unions and anti-racist organisations like Stand up to Racism a series of regional forums to support EU Nationals, offer legal advice and campaigning support
6. To organise a national campus day of action to defend the rights of EU nationals

#### ***European and international work, paragraph 5.1***

### **60 (EP) International campaigns and solidarity work** **executive committee**

### **National**

Congress recognises the growing international character of post-compulsory education and the benefits of UCU's international work (e.g. international union support during the USS dispute).

Congress welcomes the union's international activities and campaigns to:

1. defend academic freedom and educators at risk in countries such as Turkey and Palestine
2. fight for the rights of women and people with protected characteristics (e.g. LGBT+ in Chechnya)
3. expose the damage to public education and research caused by global corporations such as Elsevier and DfID's privatisation agenda
4. promote the role FE plays in developing human capabilities (e.g. EI's TVET research)
5. support union capacity-building and renewal (e.g. ETUCE's YOUR TURN! project) and links with sister trade unions (e.g. Zimbabwe).

Congress calls on UCU to build on current work in these areas and continue to engage regions, branches and members in practical international work, including ongoing support for EI, TUC, Amnesty and other affiliated solidarity organisations.

### **60A.1 Disabled members' standing committee**

Add new final paragraph: Congress instructs NEC to work with DMSC to step up involvement in fighting for the rights of disabled people internationally and in particular in defending the right of access to integrated education.

### **61 Composite: Solidarity with Brazil: fighting the far right Women members standing committee, National executive committee**

Congress notes that there has been a recent rise in the far right globally. As an education union we need to be committed to challenge this and fully support educators so they can educate without fear of violence or persecution.

Congress deplores the recent election of the far right Bolsonaro in Brazil, and is concerned about the resulting threats to civil liberties, workers' rights, equality, public services and the environment. Bolsonaro has been widely publicised as being a misogynist, homophobic and racist. Congress notes that one of the first actions of the Bolsonaro presidency was to weaken protections for the LGBT+, indigenous and black communities.

Congress is concerned about the negative effects on free speech, academic freedom and institutional autonomy posed by the rise of far-right populism in Brazil. Worrying developments include police forces entering university campuses during the presidential election and official support for proposals encouraging students to report on 'left-wing' educators (the 'School without Party' movement). Since his election teaching materials have been confiscated on far right ideological grounds and there has been suppression of anti-fascist history and activism.

Congress declares solidarity with sister education unions standing up for staff, students, and academic freedom in Brazil.

Congress calls on the NEC to:

1. work with the TUC, EI and other broad-based groups to support the Brazilian people in defending democracy, human rights and social progress
2. encourage and support the setting up of support networks in UK universities and colleges for Brazilian academics

3. invite Brazilian academics to our universities and colleges in conjunction with Stand up to Racism events to speak about the importance of fighting the far right whenever and wherever we can.

## **62 UCU support for Sudanese protests University of Liverpool**

Congress condemns the violence against Sudanese demonstrators by the Al-Bashir government.

Congress condemns school and university closures and the arrest, torture and killing of students, teachers and academics. Congress condemns the attacks on doctors.

Congress supports the demonstrators' demands to bring down Al-Bashir's regime and their right to protest without fear of repression.

Congress demands the release of all imprisoned demonstrators and organisers.

The UK government must stop all trade and aid to Sudan. 66% of government revenue goes to 'security'.

Congress agrees to support and publicise the Sudanese campaigns such as Justice For Sudan and urge attendance on their demos.

Congress asks all trade unions to support and develop this motion, above all by demanding Al-Bashir must go, condemning the violence against demonstrators, and demanding the UK government break all relations with the Sudanese government.

Congress says refugees welcome here.

### **62A.1 Newcastle University**

Third paragraph, after '...their right to protest', add 'and organise unions'

Fifth paragraph, end of first sentence, replace 'Sudan' with 'Al-Bashir's regime'.

Delete penultimate paragraph (beginning 'Congress asks all trade unions to...').

Replace with:

Congress instructs NEC to:

1. meet Sudanese trade unions to discuss solidarity.
2. write to the UK government
  - a. supporting a democratic, civilian transitional authority in Sudan
  - b. demanding an immediate end to military sales to and security cooperation with individuals and groups in Sudan responsible for human rights abuses.

## **63 Fairtrade UCU Wales**

Congress notes Fairtrade is a simple way to make a difference to the lives of the people who grow the things we love. We do this by making trade fair.

Congress believes that UCU can play an important role in helping the work of Fairtrade Foundation through its procurement possibilities.

Congress calls upon UCU to

1. look into the feasibility of committing itself with the Fairtrade foundation.
2. serving Fairtrade Tea and Coffee where possible

3. to request the Fairtrade Foundation to deliver a presentation at the 2020 Congress.

**64 (EP) Stop Trump National executive committee**

Trump's visit Congress notes that Donald Trump is set to return to the UK at some point in 2019.

His previous visit in July 2018 was met with mass demonstrations.

Since then Trump has partially shut down the US government to force through funding of his racist 'border wall'.

Trump is a racist and misogynist who has given confidence to the racist and fascist right from those who marched in Charlottesville (where anti-racist Heather Heyer was murdered) to Stephen Yaxley-Lennon (aka Tommy Robinson) in the UK, some of whose supporters are trying to organise on our campuses as well as trying to rehabilitate racist ideological justifications such as 'scientific racism'.

Congress opposes any state visit here, calls on Theresa May to withdraw any such invitation to Trump, and supports any broad-based protests called against his visit.

**65 Venezuela National executive committee**

Congress notes:

1. the Tory government's support for the Trump administration's policy of 'regime change' in Venezuela, illegal under international law
2. comments from Trump and others have included threats of military action and supported attempts at a right-wing military coup
3. the US sanctions ('economic warfare') on Venezuela, which the UN estimates have already killed around 140,000 people.

Congress believes:

- a. Venezuela's future is for Venezuelans to determine
- b. Venezuelan oil is the key motivating factor for the US and supporting nations
- c. US interventions have a bloody history in Latin America, including previous US-backed coups and military juntas such as in Chile under Pinochet
- d. the UK government should support the current democratically elected government of Venezuela.

Congress resolves:

- i. to campaign against U.S. intervention in Venezuela for 'regime change' and against UK support for this
- ii. to invite a speaker from the Venezuela Solidarity Campaign to a future event
- iii. to affiliate to the Venezuela Solidarity Campaign.

***New paragraph, Legal matters, after paragraph 6.4***

**66 UCU legal scheme should provide legal consultation opportunity UCU Wales**

Congress notes for employment cases members first need to provide a written narrative of facts, relevant documents and questions which they want UCU lawyers to address.

Congress notes a lawyer provides an initial assessment of the claim based on the written information provided within 21 days.

Congress believes that although the regulations state that UCU lawyers may want to interview members before preparing the initial assessment, this is in fact exceedingly rare.

Congress believes members and supporting staff/caseworkers, not being legally qualified, are not always able to provide all the information needed for an accurate initial assessment by lawyers.

Congress believes members are being frustrated by the process because of the lack of two-way conversation about case details.

Congress resolves to request NEC to require UCU legal scheme regulations be revised for employment cases so members can request a 30 minute interview with the lawyer preparing the initial assessment.

**66A.1 Anti-casualisation committee**

Add at end of the second paragraph, after 'within 21 days':

Casualisation or equal pay claims are often complex, and inadequately covered by the statutory provision at present. Casualised workers may not be aware of legal support available to them, due to either perceptions of ineligibility or lack of access to union campaigns and resources.

Add new paragraph at the end:

Congress resolves that the legal scheme regulations be revised to provide targeted support specifically for casualised members taking pay claims and discrimination claims under the part-time workers' regs.

**67 Breach of human rights London regional committee**

'Austerity' is about transferring wealth from the poorest in society to the richest. Initiating and implementing this policy, the Conservative government declared war on the British working class.

This has led to 120,000 premature deaths per annum; 1 in every 120 people rendered homeless; the cutting or withholding of benefits through Universal Credit leading in some cases to suicide and the decimation of vital public services. These cuts particularly affect women and the disabled.

This government is guilty of a breach of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (1948) and the World Conference on Human Rights (June 1993) Vienna declaration.

Congress therefore resolves to initiate a public Civil Crimes Tribunal to investigate these crimes. Material gathered by the Tribunal will be made publicly available and

blame will be attributed to those responsible. A summative report will confirm culpability and will seek public proposals as to appropriate retributive justice.

**68 (EP) Monitoring of electronic communications Yorkshire and Humberside regional committee**

Congress notes that staff and students in FE and HE institutions are being increasingly monitored by their management through the use of external IT companies e.g. ESafe. These third parties capture not only e-mails and web use but any document that is stored on a device plugged into a college/University machine. These files are searched for key terms and any document considered suspect is returned to human resources.

Congress believes:

1. that this practice is both legally questionable and intrusive
2. staff and students have a right to privacy
3. confidentiality in respect of pastoral work with students and for union casework must be respected and protected.

Congress resolves that UCU will:

- a. demand greater transparency on these practices
- b. investigate the legality of the use of data in this way
- c. initiate, on behalf of branches, legal or other challenges to these practices.

**69 Use of non-disclosure agreements in HE/FE University of Hull**

Congress notes:

1. the use by the universities and colleges of non-disclosure agreements (NDAs) to facilitate the departure of members of staff from their Institution in cases including allegations of bullying and/or harassment
2. that these agreements prevent staff from pursuing justice through external means and thereby protects against reputational damage to the institution
3. that these agreements often do not resolve the underlying issues hidden behind the use of the NDAs, which remain to potentially adversely affect the working conditions of the remaining staff.

Congress hereby calls upon FE and HE institutions in the UK to publish aggregated information on the use of NDAs annually, to include: the numbers used; the area of the institution the members of staff subjected to them worked in; and the cumulative annual value of the monies paid out within them.

**69A.1 The Manchester College**

Final paragraph, after 'Congress hereby', delete 'calls upon FE and HE institutions in the UK to publish aggregated information on the use of NDAs annually';

Replace with 'calls on UCU to put in an annual Freedom of Information request and publish information on the use of NDAs'

## **70 Discrimination against workers and the use of non-disclosure agreements Black members standing committee**

Congress notes the revelations regarding the unfair pay and limited career opportunities of black women exposed in the Guardian, the BBC and UCU led research. Daily micro-aggressions lead to a situation where race discrimination leaves many black workers fearful for their job prospects and deeply dissatisfied at work. Workers often exit employment under such conditions only to find themselves bound by non-disclosure agreements which mask the scale of the problems associated with discrimination.

It is also of note that FOI requests were needed to tease out the relevant data. It was this route used by the BBC to uncover pay scale inequality in Russell Group institutions.

Congress calls on the NEC to:

1. formally oppose the practice of NDAs and organise support at branches
2. campaign against this practice including, where possible, raising this at casework training
3. gather data of the numbers of race discrimination cases settled with an NDA.

## **71 Electronic voting Leeds City College**

Congress notes:

1. collectively, vote counts at Congress, FESC and HESC cause a significant loss of business time and can create frustration amongst delegates
2. electronic voting will reduce peer pressure for delegates to vote in a certain way.

Congress instructs:

- a. electronic voting to be introduced at the 2020 Congress, FESC and HESC and thereafter
- b. the electronic voting system use will identify how individual delegates vote and that this information is available following each vote.

## **72 Members on-line conduct South West regional committee**

Congress notes:

1. the importance of UCU building on the successes of the USS and FE fights back disputes to galvanise and build membership
2. the subsequent divisions and tensions at Congress 2018, which spilled onto social media, publicising those tensions to our managers, members and government ministers
3. UCU's commitment to encourage activism and engagement in elections and all aspects of UCU decision-making.

Congress resolves:

- a. to condemn open and public hostility towards members, staff or election candidates from members using social media



- b. to remind members of their responsibility to engage in election and activism discourse in a comradely manner
- c. to instruct members who create on-line platforms, including anonymous accounts, and posts as a mechanism to despoil a candidate's or member's reputation, to remove such posts and platforms
- d. to remind members to review UCU's Rule 13 and its expectation of conduct.

***New paragraph, Workload, health and safety, after paragraph 6.4***

**73 Composite: Workload, health and safety campaigns: workplace suicide Cardiff University, National executive committee**

In November 2015 the TUC carried out a survey of approximately 2000 UK employees, which showed that nearly a third of people (29%) have been bullied at work.

International studies indicate a steep rise in work suicides. Researchers link this to a deterioration of working conditions, unmanageable workloads, and increased job insecurity.

Despite these findings, workplace suicide remains unrecognised in UK legislation, and is absent from official statistics. In the UK, work-related suicides are not officially monitored or recorded.

Changes to legislation in the UK would follow good practice elsewhere. For example, in France, if an employee takes his or her own life in the workplace, it is investigated and it is incumbent on employers to demonstrate that the suicide was not work-related.

Congress calls on UCU:

1. to lobby the government for changes to legislation on statistics for workplace deaths as part of the union's campaigning activities on workload, and on health and safety
2. develop a campaign around workplace suicide and seek support from the TUC
3. to contribute to a process that will persuade legislators of the need for a record and investigation of workplace suicides.

**73A.1 UCU Scotland**

Add new points 3-6 after bullet points 1 and 2 and renumber. Existing bullet point 3 will become bullet point 7:

3. to campaign for national and local agreements on workload and stress reduction and against the ab/use of capability procedures, particularly in the case of mental health issues,
4. to campaign for joint union/employer investigations when suicides occur.
5. to identify and publicise good practice e.g. joint staff-student suicide prevention training at Glasgow.
6. to name and shame institutions which do not take serious measures to improve conditions and reduce the risk of suicide.

**74 Campaigning to stop unreasonable workloads committee**

**National executive**

Congress recognises the campaign by Diane Anderson (widow of Dr Malcolm Anderson) to stop unreasonable workloads. Dr Anderson from Cardiff University completed suicide in 2018 due to immense workload pressures. The inquest into Dr Anderson's death heard that he had left two notes before he fell from the university building in which he worked - one to his family and another referring to workload pressures and long hours. He was just 48 years old when he died. Dr Anderson had alerted university management 'that his workload was massive and it was unmanageable but nothing ever changed' according to his widow.

Congress therefore resolves to:

1. publicise and campaign for reasonable workloads in both FE and HE
2. investigate workload models to ensure that all tasks and duties are clearly and transparently recognised
3. ensure that new demands such as online marking and NSS type survey work are fully covered in models.

**74A.1 Academic related, professional staff committee**

End of first paragraph, add, after 'widow' - 'Congress notes that in many HEIs academics are covered by workload models, but academic related professional staff are not.'

Add to end of Resolves 2 - ' and all staff including academic related professional staff are covered.'

**74A.2 National executive committee**

End of point 1 (under 'resolves'), replace 'in both FE and HE' with 'in FE, HE, prison education, ACE and other institutions where UCU is recognised'

***New paragraph, Corbyn, Labour and general election, after paragraph 6.4***

**75 Corbyn, Labour and general election University of Brighton Grand Parade**

Congress notes the:

1. continuing attacks on Corbyn based on conflation of antisemitism and anti-Zionism
2. determination of remaining right-wing to recapture the LP for neoliberalism
3. British establishment anxiety over a Corbyn-led government, and threats to democracy from recent political involvement of the security services.

Congress believes that a Corbyn-led government is important for ending austerity, for the future of post-16 education, and for an independent, justice-based ME foreign policy.

Congress resolves that:

- a. the President will urge all branches to host meetings with Jewish Voice for Labour, to explain and counter the charges of antisemitism in Labour, and with

the PSC and BRICUP to explain why supporting Palestine and opposing Zionism are not racist

- b. the general secretary will urge TUC to campaign for an immediate general election using national and regional demonstrations; and urge branches to propose to trades councils local demonstrations for a general election.

### **75A.1 Yorkshire and Humberside regional committee**

Add 4th point to 'Congress notes the':

4. international law violation constituted by Israeli settlement institutions on occupied land;

Add two sentences to 'Congress believes that':

- ii. declaring illegal and morally repugnant the practices of Israel is not, of itself, antisemitic.
- iii. cooperating with occupying settlements renders UK institutions complicit in those practices.

And number as i. the first sentence under 'Congress believes that: (ie the sentence starting with 'a Corbyn-led government...')

### **75A.2 National executive committee**

Add '1.' Before 'that a Corbyn-led ...'

Add after 'foreign policy'

'2. in the importance of combating antisemitism and that the fight against it is a crucial part of the antiracist movement.

3. that this abuse of allegations of antisemitism makes it more difficult to campaign against antisemitism.

4. that campaigning against antisemitism and for Palestinian rights are complementary.'

In Congress resolves add after point a and renumber:

'b. To campaign more vigorously against antisemitism and ensure that all UCU antiracist activities involve action against antisemitism'.

### **75A.3 National executive committee**

Paragraph a:

1. delete 'explain and counter', replace with 'address'
2. after '...with the PSC and BRICUP', add 'and other appropriate organisations such as Jews for Justice for Palestine'

## **Section 5: Interim report of the democracy commission, and rule changes - to be taken in private session**

*Note: rule changes have been ordered in two parts: the first part sets out all rule changes which relate to topics referred to in the report of the democracy commission; the second part sets out all other rule changes.*

### **76 Interim report of the democracy commission National executive committee**

Congress adopts the interim report of the democracy commission as set out in UCU/934, including recommendations other than rule changes (rule changes to be voted on separately).

### **Rule changes which relate to topics in the interim report of the democracy commission**

#### ***Democracy commission report, paragraph 4.9 – composition of Congress***

### **77 Branch delegates University College London**

In Rule 17.2, remove 'up to a maximum of six members' where it appears with respect to Congress and Sector Conference entitlements.

### **78 Restoring the democratic mandate of UCU Congress University of Southampton**

Rule 16.11, between 'general meetings in' and '20 branches/local associations', add 'at least'. After '20 branch/Local Associations, add ',whose total delegate entitlement would be sufficient to render the meeting quorate,'.

Rule 17.1 (composition of Congress), after '...members elected from sector committees in', delete 'English regions'. After '...branches with fewer than', delete '100', replace with '250'.

Rule 17.2 (Congress delegate entitlement), first sentence, after '...shall be one for every', delete '400 members (or part thereof)', replace with 'full 250 members'.

After '...in accordance with Rule 17.1', delete 'up to a maximum of six members'.

End of rule 17.2, After 'The number of members from branches/local associations/central groups for meetings of', delete '...Sector Conferences shall be one for every 400 members (or part thereof) up to a maximum of six members from, as appropriate, each institution/central group', replace with 'the appropriate Sector Conference shall be the same as for Congress'.

Rule 17.2.1 (regional and devolved nation committee delegates) start of first sentence, after 'Sector committees in', delete 'English regions'. Second sentence, delete 'geographical area', replace with 'nation'.

17.4 (regional and devolved nation committee observers) start of first sentence, delete 'each of the English regions'.

Rule 30.2 (rights and responsibilities of regional committees), delete i and ii:

iv. to submit motions and amendments to Annual Congress and Sector Conferences, in line with rules 16.7.5 and 16.7.3

- v. to elect delegates to Annual Congress and Sector Conferences, in line with Rule 17.2.1

***Democracy commission report, paragraph 4.10 (electronic voting and other recording of meetings)***

**79 Congress standing order change: 38 and 39: voting process South west regional committee**

Standing order 38: after ‘...hold up their voting cards’, add ‘this will initiate the use of electronic voting, where the facility is available.’

Standing order 39, first sentence: delete ‘count employing tellers is taken’, replace with ‘electronic voting is employed’.

End of second sentence: delete ‘count’, replace with ‘electronic vote’.

*Purpose: to allow, under Congress standing orders, electronic voting to be used, when available, in the event that a count is required (card votes being used when no count is required).*

***Democracy commission report, paragraph 4.11.4 (delegation of general secretary powers)***

**80 Rule change (democracy commission recommendation 2) National executive committee, University College London**

Congress approves recommendation 2 of the democracy commission’s interim report, rule change: delegation of general secretary powers.

Delete rule 28.2:

28.2 The General Secretary may delegate any power or duty of, or allocated to, the General Secretary under these Rules to another employee of the Union as the General Secretary shall determine.

Replace with:

28.2 The General Secretary may delegate any power or duty of, or allocated to, the General Secretary under these Rules in the following ways:

28.2.1 Those which relate to negotiations or representation of the Union shall be delegated to the President and President Elect.

28.2.2 Those relating to day to day running of the union, or pertaining to employees, or other matters not connected to negotiations and representation of the NEC/union may be delegated to another employee of the Union as the General Secretary shall determine.

*Purpose: to create a mechanism for ensuring that, if delegated, the representational powers and duties of the General Secretary would be transferred to elected officers of the union, while powers relating to staffing and the day to day running of the union can be delegated to employees of the union.*

***Democracy commission report, paragraph 5.6.4 (deputy general secretaries)***

**81 Election of Deputy General Secretary Yorkshire and Humberside retired members**

*It is proposed that this rule change come into effect at the time of the next election for General Secretary.*

Rule 20.5 (counting order for NEC elections)

Insert after 20.5 'ii General Secretary'

iii. Deputy General Secretary

and renumber accordingly

Rule 28.2 (delegation of duties by the general secretary), end of sentence, delete 'as the General Secretary shall determine' andn and replace with 'in consultation with the Deputy General Secretary'.

Insert new Rule 29 and renumber other rules accordingly:

29 Deputy General Secretary

The Deputy General Secretary shall be the deputy chief executive of the Union, responsible for duties specified by the Rules and Standing Orders of the Union, and duties allocated by the National Executive Committee, and shall be elected for terms of five years by the membership of the Union, under procedures agreed by the National Executive Committee.

Rule 29.1 (engagement of other employees), after 'Employees other than the General Secretary', add 'and Deputy General Secretary'

Schedule B

Add in procedures, as determined by NEC, for election of Deputy General Secretary.

*Purpose: to establish an elected post of Deputy General Secretary. The rule change to come into effect at the next time an election occurs for the General Secretary.*

*Nothing in this rule change has any implications for employment status of any other members of UCU staff.*

***Democracy commission report, paragraph 6.5.1 (dispute committees)***

**82 Rule change (democracy commission recommendation 6) National executive committee, University College London**

Congress approves recommendation 6 of the democracy commission's interim report, rule change: dispute committees.

Insert new rule 35:

35.1 For all multi-institution industrial disputes, a dispute committee will be constituted immediately following a successful ballot from delegates from each branch involved in the dispute, which will exist for the duration of the dispute. Delegates will be elected or nominated by branches, with delegate entitlements as per those prescribed for Sector Conferences in rule 17.2. The committee will be chaired by the relevant Vice President (for single sector disputes), or by the President (for cross-sector disputes). The frequency of meetings will be determined by the committee. Branches may send different delegates to each meeting.

35.2 No decision affecting the choice of tactics, continuation, escalation, or ending of an industrial dispute, including putting to the membership for approval a proposed deal to settle the dispute, can be taken without the approval of the dispute committee constituted for that dispute.

(Renumber remaining rules as necessary).

*Purpose: To establish in rule disputes committees for multi-institution disputes.*

**Democracy commission report, paragraph 7.5.1 (Gaps in representation)**

**83 Rule change: inclusion of migration status in rule 2.5 University of East Anglia**

Aims and objects, rule 2.5, 'to oppose actively all forms of harassment, prejudice...'  
- after 'disability, age,' add 'migration status'.

*Purpose: to add migration status to the list of characteristics against which UCU will actively oppose harassment, prejudice and unfair discrimination.*

**84 Rule change: Inclusion of migrant representatives in the equality structures University of Leeds**

Rule 23.1 (equality standing committees), first sentence, delete 'four', replace with 'five'. After 'iv. Women Members' Standing Committee (WMC);', add new point v. 'v. Migrant Members' Standing Committee (MMC)'.

Rule 23.2 (annual equality conferences), first sentence, delete 'four', replace with 'five'.

*Purpose: To allow the recognition of UCU's migrant members as an equality group with a standing committee and an annual conference established on the same basis as UCU's other equality groups.*

**85 Rule change: Inclusion of migrant representatives in NEC University of Leeds**

Add new rule 18.11.4:

18.11.4 There will be two National Executive Committee seats for representatives of migrant members, at least one of whom shall be a non-EU migrant member. Candidates for election to these seats must state they are a migrant member and can remain on committee for three years after receiving ILR.

Renumber existing rule 18.11.4 and subsequent rules, and any subsequent references to these rules, as necessary.

Rule 19.6 (Scheduling of biennial elections) First sentence, change '18.11.3' to '18.11.4'. After 'representatives of LGBTQ+ members', delete 'and', replace with comma; after 'representatives of black members', add 'and two representatives of migrant members'.

Rule 19.7, delete '18.11.3', replace with '18.11.4'.

Rule 20.5 (counting order for NEC elections): after "ix. Representatives of black members;" add "x. Representatives of migrant members;" re-number existing points x-xiii as xi-xiv.

*Purpose: To allow the recognition of UCU's migrant members (which will include refugees and asylum seekers) through two NEC seats for migrant members. These will be listed as equality seats, for which all members may vote, scheduled in the same years as elections for equality seats other than women, and placed in the counting order for NEC elections at the end of the equality seats (and before casually employed, land based and prison seats).*

### **85A.1 National executive committee**

End of proposed new rule 18.11.4, delete 'and can remain on the committee for three years after receiving ILR'.

### **Democracy commission report, paragraph 7.5.2 (National recorded hustings)**

#### **86 Addition of 15.9-15.11 to Rule 15 University of Sheffield**

Add new rules:

15.9 Between 7-14 days after a ballot for Officers of the Union has opened, a national hustings event will be held. This event will be video-recorded and made available to all members. Reasonable traveling and subsistence expenses will be made available to candidates, paid from union funds.

15.9.1 The location of this event may not occur at the home branch of any participating candidate, and the location will rotate to a different region from the previous year, with due consideration to accessibility depending on candidates' locations.

15.9.2 All members eligible to vote in the relevant election will have the opportunity to submit questions in advance of this event.

15.10 The date for the event will be chosen in consultation with all candidates, and will be finalised no later than one month before the beginning of the ballot period.

15.10.1 If a candidate prefers to attend electronically rather than in person, or to pre-record a statement and answers to questions, this will be facilitated.

15.10.2 If a candidate cannot make the session due to illness or emergency, they will be given an opportunity to record their responses on another date, to be included in the recording for members.

15.10.3 Candidates may choose not to attend.

15.11 During the relevant ballot period, any other branch organising a hustings event will provide candidates with 30 days notice, making every effort to make the event accessible all candidates, including facilitating electronic attendance. Reasonable traveling and subsistence expenses will be made available to candidates, paid from branch funds, on the basis that all candidates standing for a given position are invited to attend.

#### **86A.1 University of Liverpool**

15.11 Change 30 days to 'sufficient notice'

#### **86A.2 University of Sheffield**

In 15.9, add " to ensure that all members and candidates have access to a fully accessible hustings event." following "will be held,"

delete 'made available' and replace with 'edited before distribution'



In 15.10.1, add 'Candidates who are disabled, impaired or have a long term health condition will be able to make this known and have their adjustment needs accommodated to avoid any disadvantage by reason of disability.'

### **Other rule changes**

#### **87 Rule change motion re subsector conferences National executive committee**

Rule 12.6.2 (rights and responsibilities of branches), point ii, replace 'Sector Conferences' with 'Sector and Subsector Conferences and observers to the appropriate Subsector Conference'

Rule 12.7 (determination of sectors by Congress) Add after first sentence:

In addition, it will determine the Subsectors of Pre92 and Post92 Higher Education solely for the purposes of Subsector Conference organisation.

Rule 16.3 (annual report to Congress), second sentence, after '... motions passed by any' special replace 'Sector Conferences' with 'Sector and Subsector Conferences'.

Rule 16.7.2 (bodies able to submit Congress and sector conference motions), first sentence, replace 'Sector Conferences' with 'Sector or Subsector Conferences'. After '... and Higher Education Committees for the appropriate', replace 'Sector Conference' with 'Sector and Subsector Conferences'. End of second sentence, replace 'Sector Conference' with 'Sector or Subsector Conference'.

Rule 16.7.4 (submission of motions and amendments by equality standing committees), replace 'Sector Conference' with 'Sector and Subsector Conference'

Rule 16.10 (Congress business committee), replace 'Sector Conferences' with 'Sector and Subsector Conferences'.

Rule 16.11 (calling special conferences):

First clause, after 'National Congress', delete 'or', replace with comma; after 'Sector Conferences', add 'or subsector conferences'.

After '...by the National Executive Committee or in the case of the Sector', add 'or Subsector'.

After 'or for Sector Conferences, in the sector', add 'or for Subsector Conferences of a requisition from quorate meetings in 15 branches/Local Associations from separate institutions in the Subsector'

At end of first sentence, after '...not less than one tenth of the members of the Union', add ',Sector or Subsector as appropriate'.

Rule 17.2 (entitlement to delegates), final sentence, replace 'Sector Conferences' with 'Sector or Subsector Conferences'. Add at end:

The number of observers from Pre92 branches/local associations for Post92 Subsector Conferences or Post92 branches/local associations for Pre92 Subsector Conferences shall be 1.

Rule 17.3 (composition of sector conferences), second sentence, replace 'Sector Conferences' with 'Sector and Subsector Conferences'; after '...who are in that Sector', add 'or Subsector respectively'.

Amendments to Congress standing orders:

Standing order 3.1 (submission of motions), final sentence, replace 'Sector conferences' with 'Sector or sub-sector conferences'.

Standing order 3.2 (submission of motions), first sentence, replace 'Sector conference' with 'Sector or sub-sector conference'.

Standing order 17 (chairing), in both instances, replace 'Sector Conference' with 'Sector or Subsector Conference'.

Standing order 18 (quorum), replace 'Sector Conference' with 'Sector and Subsector Conferences'. After '...proportionate to the membership of each sector', add 'or subsector'.

Standing order 22 (advice on consequential), replace 'sector conference' with 'sector or subsector conference'

Standing orders 43 and 44 (notices of special meeting), in each standing order, replace 'sector conference' with 'sector or subsector conference'

*Purpose: mechanism for reducing the likelihood that (Special) Sector Conferences involving mainly Pre or Post92 members will be inquorate by creating Subsectors and a proportional quorum, while allowing those from the other HE subsector to attend as observers and motions to be proposed to cover the impact of Pre92 issues on Post92 or Post92 issues on Pre92.*

**88 Rule change: Rule 16 National Congress and Sector Conferences Yorkshire and Humberside retired members**

In 16.7.1 after 'specialist committees set up under Rule 25' insert comma and add:  
'Annual meeting of retired members'

Add point 16.7.6

'The annual meeting of retired members shall be entitled to submit two of the motions carried at its annual meeting to UCU annual Congress'.

*Purpose: To give the annual meeting of retired members the right to send two motions directly to annual Congress. No provision is made for sending of amendments since by its nature an annual meeting cannot be scheduled in a way which would permit the sending of both motions and amendments.*

**89 Rule change: Congress membership National executive committee**

Rule 17.1, first clause, after '... National Executive Committee', add ', two members of each standing committee set up under rule 23.1 (one from each sector)'

*Purpose: to give each equality standing committee the ability to send two voting delegates to Congress (currently each committee sends two observers).*

**90 Rule change: Rule 24 National Meetings of Retired Members Yorkshire and Humberside retired members**

24.4 The meeting shall select from among resolutions it has carried at its current and immediate previous annual meeting two motions for sending to the BDC of the NPC.

*Purpose: To clarify and improve the process of selection by the annual meeting of two motions for forwarding to the BDC (Biennial Delegate Conference) of the NPC (National Pensioners' Convention). This addition to rule will authorise the meeting to consider not only motions carried at its current meeting but also the motions from the previous year's annual meeting. This rule addition expands the scope of motions for consideration for forwarding.*

**91 Rule change: conduct of non-statutory ballots National executive committee**

Add new schedule C to the rules; renumber existing schedule C

**SCHEDULE C**

**Conduct of non-statutory ballots**

- 1 A nominated member of the senior management team shall be responsible for acting as the scrutineer for each non-statutory ballot held by the union. The scrutineer will be responsible for supervising the secure conduct of the non-statutory ballot.
- 2 Non-statutory ballots include but are not limited to: indicative ballots for industrial action; ballots on whether to continue, call off or suspend action; surveys of eligible members agreed by NEC, its sub-committees or by Congress or a sector conference; and branch member consultations requested by the branch, endorsed by the relevant regional official and Head of Further or Higher education as appropriate.
- 3 The Head of Higher Education, Further Education or National Head of Regional Organisation, as appropriate, will act as returning officer for the ballot and will comply with the directions of the scrutineer.
- 4 Non-statutory ballots shall be organised consistent with the principles put forward by the Commission for Effective Industrial Action (CEIA) as agreed at the 2018 Congress, with particular reference to the following:
  - Local or national officers responsible for calling a non-statutory ballot should ensure that the campaign is "characterised by long term planning, union wide consultation to establish issues that are important to members, a prioritisation of resources and a gradual mobilisation running up to ballot" (Recommendation 5)
  - The relevant authoring Committee "must always make clear voting recommendations when calling a ballot to authorise or cease a dispute." (Recommendation 8)
  - When a consultative ballot is conducted it must be used as a campaigning tool which carries the relevant officers/committee's recommendations as opposed to a passive surveying of members' views. (Recommendation 11)
  - Acceptance of an offer and thereby the ending of a dispute should ordinarily require a vote of all relevant members (Recommendation 15).
- 5 In order to ensure consistency and adherence to the CEIA principles set out in this code, all non-statutory ballots should be undertaken at UCU Head Office except where capacity issues require the ballot to be undertaken elsewhere. The

independent scrutineer most recently appointed by the NEC for the purpose of statutory NEC elections should be used where capacity issues mean the union's ballot team cannot undertake a ballot.

- 6 Non-statutory ballots will normally be conducted using a secure on-line voting system. Before the ballot begins, the returning officer will satisfy themselves that the relevant system is secure. Security considerations include but are not limited to the confidentiality of whether any particular member has voted, how any member has voted, and the ability to ensure that duplicate votes cannot be cast.
- 7 Ballot material should be at one remove from the voting screen upon which the member makes their choice.
- 8 The scrutineer will make special arrangements to enable voting by any member unable to vote online.
- 9 The membership data used for the purposes of the ballot will be the relevant members as recorded on the union's central membership database.
- 10 Non-statutory ballots shall normally remain open for no fewer than 10 days. This may be varied in exceptional circumstances, as determined by the relevant committee.
- 11 The counting of a non-statutory ballot shall not be started until the ballot has formally closed.
- 12 The scrutineer will provide to the returning officer, as appropriate, a report of the ballot which sets out the total eligible members balloted, the numbers voting for each option, the number of abstentions, the total turnout as measured by total voters divided by total constituency, and any significant issues relating to the security or integrity of the ballot which have arisen.
- 13 In the event of any doubt or difficulty, the returning officer will seek the advice of the scrutineer.
- 14 A copy of the scrutineer's report of any non-statutory ballot will be provided to any member on written request to the General Secretary.

*Purpose: To put into rule the key principles that will be followed in respect of conduct of non-statutory ballots.*

## **92 Change to UCU Regional Committee Model Standing Orders (rule 30.1) Yorkshire and Humberside regional committee**

Standing Order 6: delete the final sentence:

'In both cases, officers of the Committee shall not be included for the purpose of counting the quorum'

*Purpose: To bring the regional committee model standing orders in line with standing orders/rules of all other UCU, trade union and democratic bodies.*

## **93 Amend Congress standing order 18 University of Leeds**

Congress standing order 18 (quorum), delete "(subject to rounding up to the nearest whole number)"

Add at end:

'except where only a subset of the branches in a sector is eligible to vote on the topic under discussion, in which case the quorum shall be a fraction of 150 members proportionate to membership in that subset. Quora shall be rounded up to the nearest whole number.'

*Purpose: To have a quorum for sector specific conferences on matters relating to a subset of the sector which is line with the membership of that subset.*

**94 Congress standing order change: Speaking times at Congress South west regional committee**

Standing Order 19: replace 'five minutes' with 'four minutes' and 'three minutes' with 'two minutes'

*Purpose: to reduce the speaking times in the Congress standing orders for movers of motions (and sections of the NEC's report to Congress) from five minutes to four minutes, and for all other speakers from three minutes to two minutes.*

**95 Rule change: 'New-delegate friendly' order of business for Congress South west regional committee**

Standing Order 65: in section C, move points 2, 3, and 4 to follow point 5, and renumber accordingly.

*Purpose: to move other topics ahead of the financial business in the order of private sessions of Congress.*

## HIGHER EDUCATION SECTOR CONFERENCE

### MOTIONS FOR DEBATE

#### **Motions HE1-HE9 to be taken in private session**

#### ***HE pay and equality, paragraphs 2.1-2.4***

#### **HE1 HE pay Higher education committee**

HE Sector conference notes the report and approves the recommendations of the national negotiators contained in UCUBANHE/56.

#### **HE2 Multi-year pay settlement Lancaster University**

Conference notes that

1. the recent industrial action ballot on pay and equality did not reach the 50% required threshold
2. the iniquitous trade union laws are stacked against industrial action
3. the annual cycle of pay negotiations is ineffective, as annual bargaining and any arising dispute and ballot for industrial action are a drain on the union's resources
4. even if we win a decent settlement one year, employers will try to claw this back in the following years.

Conference believes that members would be more engaged with industrial action if the negotiations were on a multi-year basis rather than the prospect of annual strikes.

Conference therefore calls upon HEC to seek to move to multi-year settlements with UCEA to address the problem, with a suggested timeframe of a 2-3 years negotiation cycle.

#### **HE2A.1 University of Birmingham**

Add new sentence at the end of paragraph beginning 'Conference believes that members...':

Branches would also benefit from disaggregated ballot result data pertaining to their institution. Therefore all ballot result data in the future should allow for local branches to examine the local turnout and outcome from any overall data.

#### **HE3 Future pay claims The University of Manchester**

HESC notes:

1. that fair and equitable pay levels are essential for the healthy future of higher education
2. the difficulty in getting successful ballots in one-year pay claims under current anti-trade union legislation
3. the difficulties in timing ballots and actions under the current New JNCHES bargaining arrangements
4. that the most significant improvement in our pay in recent years came from a multi-year pay deal.

HESC therefore resolves that UCU should engage with its members in HE to consult over:

- a. fair and equitable pay structures and levels
- b. the details of a multi-year pay claim that would deliver this outcome
- c. include consideration of the bargaining arrangements in this consultation, and
- d. use the results of the consultation in formulating the next pay claim.

### **HE3A.1 University of Birmingham**

To add after point d:

Furthermore, HESC resolves that UCU should:

- i. ensure that any such ballots on future pay settlements conducted in 2019/20 are conducted on a disaggregated basis
- ii. ensure that any such ballots include specific national demands on pay-related issues of equality, casualisation, and workload
- iii. give full guidance on how to bring a local claim within the context of a disaggregated ballot, including legal advice on including pay-related issues within the nationally agreed framework.

### **HE3A.2 Higher education committee**

'HESC notes', point 2, delete 'in one-year pay claims'. Point 3, delete all.

Add new point 2:

2. the equality gains of the 2004 Pay Framework have been eroded by grade drift

Add new point 4

4. the current risk to the sector from contraction and cuts

Add at end of point currently numbered 4, add, 'but the final uplift was accidental'.

Add new point 6:

6 however, the failure to take industrial action in the years following 2008 wiped out these gains.'

'HESC therefore resolves...', start of point a, add 'regaining'.

Point b, delete 'the details of a multi-year pay'; replace with 'a'.

Point c, delete all.

Add new points c and d:

'c. the trade-off between aggregated and disaggregated ballots' and

'd. the type of strategy and action required to address falling salaries, and'.

End of existing point d, add 'strategy and' before 'claim'.

Renumber points as necessary.

### **HE4 HE pay and equality campaign 2019-20 Grand Parade**

**University of Brighton,**

Conference notes:

1. the HE employers' 'final' pay offer for 2019-20 of 1.8% which does not meet current inflation let alone provide a catch-up element
2. the employers' refusal to engage meaningfully to reduce the gender pay gap and levels of casualisation.

Conference believes that:

- a. this offer falls far short of the joint union claim and the UCU's goals
- b. that members have shown a strong willingness to fight over pay and equality even where ballots have failed to reach the 50% threshold
- c. that a persistent failure to defend levels of HE pay undermines the viability of the UCU.

Conference resolves to initiate a concerted campaign to win industrial action ballots for a fight over pay to commence in the autumn.

### ***Pensions – USS (paragraphs 3.1 – 3.5)***

#### **HE5 USS Higher education committee**

HE sector conference notes the report and approves the recommendations of the superannuation working group contained in UCUBANHE/57.

#### **HE6 USS employee contributions Higher education committee**

Conference notes USS letters to members in March 2019 notifying them of increases in employee contributions up to 11.4%, with 8.8% from April 1 and a possible 10.4% from October 1.

Conference resolves to:

1. call on UUK to pick up any additional employee contributions from 1 October 2019 and not pass them on
2. enter into dispute and prepare for an industrial action ballot if the employers do not agree.

#### **HE6A.1 University College London**

Point numbered 1, after 'additional employee contributions', add '(including contingent contributions)'

Point numbered 2, after 'prepare for an industrial action ballot', add 'in 2019'

#### **HE7 Composite: USS pensions Imperial College London, University College London**

Conference notes:

1. the transformative impact of the USS strike on UCU
2. the failure of USS to implement the JEP's first report leading to proposals for increasing contributions and threats of worsening of benefit
3. additional USS contributions are already leading to some researchers being offered shorter contracts.

Conference believes the refusal to adopt JEP recommendations is underpinned by a governance failure within USS trustee body.



Conference resolves:

- a. to reaffirm UCU's position calling for the resignation of Bill Galvin USS CEO
- b. to call for the transfer of powers to determine the valuation methodology to be moved to the JNC.

#### **HE7A.1 Compositing amendment University College London**

Conference resolves, end of point a, add 'and call for the resignation of all independent Trustees'

After point b, add:

- c. to call a higher education sector conference on USS in the autumn term 2019 to review the position and consider all actions available to UCU to defend USS
- d. to call for a national Day of Action on USS.

#### **HE7A.2 University College London**

'Conference notes', point 3: delete all after 'contributions'. Replace with "have already led to some research contracts being substantially reduced in length from the time period originally costed, offered, and accepted - from 5 years to 4 in one case - damaging research projects, and passing employer costs onto staff."

'Conference resolves', add new point c:

- c. to call on employers to protect research projects and staff by picking up additional pension costs.

#### **HE8 Composite: USS dispute University of Reading, University of Edinburgh, Lancaster University**

HESC notes that:

1. USS has calculated that full implementation of the JEP proposals to the 2018 valuation would lead to a £0.6 billion technical provisions surplus and require a contribution rate of only 25.5%. This vindicates the UCU position of 'no detriment'
2. Nevertheless USS are continuing to insist that the JEP proposals be implemented only in part and that contributions be raised to a minimum of 29.7% for the coming valuation period
3. The USS dispute has not been resolved.

HESC resolves:

- a. to call on USS to implement in full, in the 2018 valuation, the 6 JEP proposals for the 2017 valuation
- b. not to accept any increase in member contributions, including 'trigger contributions', for this valuation and that any threat of these should be countered with a ballot for industrial action in line with existing policy
- c. to call on all employers to publish their response to the USS technical provisions document.

## **HE9 UCU must remain open to a legal challenge against USS University of Sheffield**

The handling by USS of their recent actuarial valuations has been subject to intense scrutiny. Concerns over USS's decision-making, governance and associated processes have been raised by many members and branches, and also by UCU's actuarial advisers and the Joint Expert Panel.

The Academics for Pensions Justice group, set up in the wake of the USS dispute, crowd-funded over £50,000 from nearly 2,000 individual donations to obtain specialist legal advice about potential mismanagement by the Board of Trustees of USS.

Conference believes that UCU must remain open to supporting a legal challenge over the actions of USS, and instructs those with relevant decision-making powers (including but not limited to the superannuation working group, national dispute committee, higher education committee, national executive committee and the general secretary) to give serious consideration to taking further legal steps in defence of members' pensions.

### **HE9A.1 University of Leeds**

Add at end:

Conference agrees:

1. UCU must do work with aligned groups in pursuit of defending our pensions wherever possible
2. to draw up a full report on legal options open to UCU, via meaningful consultation with Academics for Pension Justice (and associated legal advisers), NDC and SWG.
3. this report will make recommendations which will inform HEC's consideration regarding next steps in pursuit of any possible legal challenges over the actions of USS.

## **HE10 Defending the 'no detriment' position in our USS dispute University of Liverpool**

HESC notes:

1. The multiple failings of the USS 2017 and 2018 valuation documents
2. USS has calculated the full implementation of the JEP proposals in the 2018 valuation leads to a £0.6 billion technical provisions surplus, requiring a contribution rate of 25.5% which vindicates 'no detriment'
3. USS is imposing large 'cost sharing' increases in contributions, to 8.8% in April 2019, 10.4% in October 2019 and 11.4% in April 2020, whose rationale has been extensively debunked

HESC believes these increases are unnecessary and violate UCU's position of 'No Detriment'.

HESC calls on UUK to join UCU in resisting any contributions increases and to refuse to implement the October 2019 and April 2020 increases.

HESC resolves to immediately begin campaigning for an industrial action ballot commencing October 2019, should UUK refuse to confirm by 1 July 2019 that they will not impose contribution increases on members from October.

### ***Pensions - Teachers' Pension Scheme (paragraphs 3.6-3.8)***

#### **HE11 Teachers Pension Scheme (TPS) University of Westminster (Regent)**

Conference notes that:

1. under Treasury proposals, employer contributions to public sector pension schemes, including the TPS, are planned to rise substantially in 2019
2. post-92 universities will receive no additional funding from the UK government to cover the increase in staff costs due to this increase.

Conference believes that any increase in employer pension contributions must not come at the expense of staff jobs, pay awards or benefits. In addition to the effect on staff, such reductions in costs damage the student experience.

Conference resolves:

- a. to work with other trades unions to campaign for a re-evaluation of the increase in public sector employer pension contributions
- b. to campaign for a phased introduction of increased employer contributions to ease the pressure on finances of public sector organizations, such as universities
- c. to work with universities to explore ways in which any such increase in costs can be mitigated without cutting courses, jobs or benefits.

#### **HE12 TPS – employer increased contribution payments – consequential problems West Midlands regional HE committee**

HE sector conference notes that employer contributions to the TPS are to increase by 5-7% from September with no transitional relief, requiring universities to pay enormous additional amounts of money into the TPS.

HE sector conference is deeply concerned that, in response, universities may create Ltd internal companies to TUPE academic staff into, therefore removing the need to pay TPS contributions and forcing members onto new contracts and into inferior defined-contribution schemes.

HE sector conference therefore resolves to instruct the HEC to:

1. analyse the data obtained on the intentions of university managements and ascertain if employers are planning to force academic staff onto new contracts of employment and into inferior pension schemes
2. support such branches with strike action
3. develop a high-profile national campaign against the increased TPS charges and the lack of transitional relief for universities.

## ***Precarious contracts – Stamp Out Casual Contracts (paragraphs 4.1 – 4.4)***

### **HE13 Discussion on developing negotiations to increase job security Anti-casualisation committee**

Conference applauds:

1. work of UCU activists who have campaigned over the years to make anti-casualisation a central aspect of UCU's work and recognise the progress achieved in our understanding of this issue, as a concern for all members
2. casualised members who supported the USS strike
3. negotiating gains, which have transferred casualised staff to more secure contracts.

Such agreements can be used to establish the norm for employment as full-time or fractional permanent contracts and restrict the creation of casualised employment.

Employers may, despite anti-casualisation agreements, seek to create new forms of precarious work or new layers of casualised staff.

Conference asks:

- a. HEC to discuss and explore the feasibility and usefulness of collective agreements which determine the staffing structure of universities and exacerbate workload pressures arising from under-staffing
- b. hold a special HEC meeting and a national meeting for reps on all contract types, to promote action on this issue.

### **HE14 Actions against short contracts**

### **Anti-casualisation committee**

Conference notes:

1. short contracts spread casualisation, undermine the union, and increase precarity in longer-term contracts
2. pension implications of short-term contracts are under-recognised, leading to significant financial loss by casualised workers
3. if employment, otherwise qualifying for a Universities Superannuation Scheme (USS) or Teacher's Pension Scheme (TPS) pension, lasts for less than two years of unbroken work, the employee must leave the scheme and the scheme retains the employer's contribution
4. senior staff have a duty of care and solidarity to inform casualised staff and to resist creating casualised contracts.

Conference demands:

- a. UCU produce campaigning materials for branches, UCU-delivered training and digital communications
- b. these materials state practical actions that senior staff can take to resist creating short contracts
- c. use national bargaining machinery to demand a minimum contract length of 24 months for all staff
- d. UCU progress talks with funders to support a 24-month minimum contract.

### **HE14A.1 (EP) Academic related, professional staff committee**

Add new point 5 in 'Conference notes' - '5. the benefits to the employer of retaining institutional knowledge and skills, and to the individual of providing career development opportunities, through continuity of employment.'

Add at the end of 'Conference demands' point b - 'and provide career progression opportunities to academic related professional staff.'

### **HE15 Minimum contract lengths for teaching and research University of Birmingham**

HESC notes:

1. contracts of less than 12 months for both teaching and research staff are routinely used by HE employers, with mixed success combating this locally
2. such contracts aid the spread of precarity across the HE sector, undermining union organising
3. contracts of this type are normalised across the HE sector to an extent that demands a national response.

HESC resolves:

- a. that the union demand an end to contracts of less than 12 months for all teaching and research staff, to be replaced by a basic minimum contract length of 12 months, with this outcome pursued via national bargaining machinery
- b. that the union concurrently enter in talks with UKRI/other research funders (e.g. Leverhulme Trust and Wellcome Trust), to compel those bodies to support 12 month minimum contracts for research staff.

### **HE16 Post-contract support for academics on precarious contracts Senate House University of London**

Congress notes:

1. UCU reported that 54% of UK academic staff are on insecure contracts, which is 'the early careers norm'. A structural issue in HE is affecting the lives and careers of thousands of researchers and academics.
2. research shows that precarity damages careers and mental health. Periods without employment, an institutional affiliation or a research home can lead to academics being 'pushed out of, or deterred from, an academic career'.
3. academics in precarity need immediate support.

Congress resolves to negotiate with universities to provide a standardised, low-resource, mutually-beneficial, post-contract support package for academics on precarious contracts and graduating PhD students, including a minimum of one year of:

- a. a non-stipendiary research affiliation
- b. an institutional email address
- c. permission to deposit outputs in the institutional repository

- d. access to online resources, CPD opportunities, shared workspaces, and support for developing funding bids on the same terms as currently employed academics.

#### **HE16A.1 Anti-casualisation committee**

In 'Congress notes', insert a new number 3 and renumber accordingly:

3. the predominantly BAME and female precarious outsourced, non-academic workers' call for a boycott of the University of London, to pressure it to end its discriminatory practice of outsourcing

Insert a new paragraph before 'Congress resolves':

Congress believes the fight for casualised staff in HE is directly connected to – and empowered by – the struggle of female outsourced workers for equality and justice at our universities.

Add an extra point (e) at the very end:

- e. to call a boycott of events at the University of London's central administration until workers are brought in-house.

#### ***Gender pay and other equality issues (paragraphs 5.1-5.3, re-titled)***

#### **HE17 Addressing the gender pay gap      Women members standing committee**

HE conference notes that equal pay and closing the gender pay gap remain outstanding matters for our members. Conference also has concerns about the race pay gap and disability pay gap.

Expediency is needed to urgently address this matter and in furtherance of this fundamental aim we agree that:

1. regional officers provide support to branches and negotiate and agree facility time for national and branch activists to allow this to be taken forward nationally and locally
2. International women's day in universities from 2020 be designated #GenderPayEqualityNowDay.

#### **HE18 Action on the race pay gap in universities      West Midlands regional HE committee**

HE sector conference notes:

1. figures from the BBC showing a 26% race pay gap at Russell group institutions
2. UCU research showing that 90% of Black staff in colleges and universities face barriers to promotion; 72% experience bullying and harassment, and 78% feel excluded from decision-making
3. the under-representation of Black staff within the professoriate and other senior roles, which is even worse for Black women
4. the success of UCU campaigns on the gender pay gap.

HE sector conference believes the race pay gap in universities is completely unacceptable and must be tackled with the same commitment and resources as the gender pay gap.

HE sector conference resolves:

- a. to incorporate action on the race pay gap into future national HE pay claims
- b. to demand employers immediately publish data on their race pay gaps
- c. to develop campaign resources to support local collective bargaining by branches to tackle the race pay gap.

### **HE19 Eradicating workplace racism                      Black members standing committee**

A recent Centre for Social Investigation report suggests that racial discrimination in the labour market remains at levels similar to the 1960s.

The scandal of racism in universities has returned to public attention, with increasing public awareness of ethnic attainment gaps for students, under-representation of black staff, ethnic pay gaps and harassment on campuses.

Universities must serve the community to institute transparency and fairness in institutional practices.

Conference reiterates the urgent need to:

1. work with NUS to address the attainment gap for minority ethnic students
2. achieve equal pay for all, including eradicating the ethnic pay gap
3. removing barriers to training, progression and promotion for black staff
4. challenge the disproportionate use of precarious contracts when employing black staff.

Conference agrees to:

- a. publish a report highlighting the attainment gap, pay disparities, barriers to training and progression, discrimination through precarity and harassment
- b. campaign against the ethnic pay gap, including through national pay campaigns.

### **HE20 Not disposable: Standing up for LGBT+ staff and studies                      LGBT+ members standing committee**

In a neo-liberal marketplace bolstered by a doctrine of austerity, there is a risk that the interests of marginal LGBT+ communities can be regarded as expendable. Doctrines of prioritisation threaten already marginalised research and teachers, and have implications for LGBT+ HE workers and for LGBT+ studies.

The TUC found in 2017 that 39 per cent of LGBT+ workers have been harassed or discriminated against by a colleague. Restructuring often has a negative impact on the well-being of employees. In the workplace, bullying often increases in the face of reorganisation and redundancies, disproportionately affecting LGBT+ people.

Conference calls on UCU and branches to:

1. closely monitor the effects of HE restructuring on LGBT+ workers and on LGBT+ studies
2. insist on management producing meaningful evidence about the equality impact of restructures, including on LGBT+ people, in all restructures.

## **HE21 Racist activity on campus and free speech committee**

## **Black members standing**

Conference has observed the alarming increase of far-right, racist activity on campus including incidents at Exeter, Nottingham and Lancaster. It is also noteworthy that university management has been slow to act in challenging such behaviours. This equivocation normalises the paradigmatic shift being pursued by the Alt-Right characterised by anti-migrant sentiment and pro-free-market ideals.

Conference notes the deliberate conflation of hate-speech and free-speech which has serious implications for the wellbeing of black students and staff who feel trapped by the rhetoric surrounding the 'hostile environment' policy and the 'prevent' initiative leaving many workers fearful of speaking out.

Conference resolves to:

1. work with local activists to challenge the growth of far-right activity on campus
2. establish clear guidelines for members on free speech on campus
3. compile a list of far-right groups and activities to arm members/branches in their campaigning work.

## **HE22 LGBT+ confidence in higher education committee**

## **LGBT+ members standing**

Conference notes reports that LGBT+ people often fail to report hate crimes. LGBT Youth Scotland (2017) found that reporting from LGB and Trans students in HE decreased from about 70% in 2012 to about 40%. Across the UK approximately 80% of LGBT+ people who experienced hate crime left it unreported (YouGov 2017).

Conference recognises that discrimination often leads LGBT+ people to suffer in silence. Conference believes this is unacceptable.

HEIs should enable LGBT+ voices to be heard rather than tolerate silence.

Conference believes that for sexual orientation and gender identity policies to be effective there must be commitment to implementation.

Conference disputes equality index ranking as reliable indication of real action. Conference calls on UCU to work with branch officers to effectively challenge management around LGBT+ equality by:

1. undertaking a survey of LGBT+ members including questions measuring confidence
2. organising and facilitating LGBT+ awareness raising actions within HE institutions.

## **HE23 Sexual harassment**

## **University of Brighton Falmer**

Conference notes that

1. the Equality Act 2010 defines sexual harassment as 'unwanted conduct of a sexual nature which has the purpose or effect of violating someone's dignity, or creating an intimidating, hostile, degrading, humiliating or offensive environment for them'
2. the 2017 NEC commitment to prioritize branch implementation of UCU's Sexual Harassment model policy; encourage reps to attend sexual harassment training;



work with NUS, 1752 and UUK to agree procedures for students and staff involved in sexual harassment cases

3. the lack of publicity given to UCU's work on sexual harassment

Conference requests that

- a. Congress mandate the NEC to audit progress on their 2017 statement
- b. circulate a detailed report on that progress to all branches
- c. consult on a strategic plan to involve every HEI in England and the devolved regions in the creation of a support system for staff and students involved in cases of sexual harassment.

### ***Workload, Academic freedom, and safe sustainable workplaces for UCU members (paragraphs 6.1-6.3, re-titled)***

#### **HE24 (EP) Challenging workloads: a national health and safety issue Bournemouth University**

Conference notes ever increasing, unmanageable workloads impacting on members' health and safety. It calls on the HEC to evaluate the UCU health and safety workload campaign and update members on the progress of that campaign.

Conference notes that the deaths of Dr Malcolm Anderson (Cardiff University) and Professor Stefan Grimm (Imperial College) have been disregarded in the context of increasing workloads caused by redundancies, financial mismanagement and governance irregularities.

Conference resolves that UCU:

1. identify the most egregious and exploitative employers
2. seek legal opinion on the risk to university staff health, safety, and lifework balance with a view to taking collective action against particularly egregious employers
3. continues to work to ensure balanced workloads.

#### **HE25 Workload models London Metropolitan University**

Conference notes the post-92 sector of higher education needs transparent, consistent and equitable academic workload models taking proper account of administrative, research and other non FST duties. Examples of best and worst practice vary widely between institutions, with some (such as London Metropolitan) using only non-consultative teaching minimums as a model without carrying out due diligence in ensuring balanced workloads that goes against staff contracts. Without knowledge of a recognised agreed workload conversation across the sector individual disputes on workload will lack due process, and union negotiations.

Conference resolves to:

1. conduct a sector-wide survey of workload models, identifying which institutions use them and which do not, identifying examples of best practice for purposes of comparison, and in order to exert pressure on management to follow best practice.

2. provide guidance to branches on how to pressure the employer to adopt a reasonable workload allocation model.

## **HE26 Workloads East Midlands regional HE committee**

HE sector conference calls upon the HEC to conduct research into, and prepare a report on, workload planning and its operation/implementation in the HE sector.

### **HE26A.1 Academic related, professional staff committee**

Add to the end of the motion - 'covering both academic and academic related professional staff.'

## **HE27 (EP) Job losses/workload/work-related stress UCU Scotland**

Conference notes the cuts in higher education institutions. As well as supporting branches opposing job losses, conference recognises that when employers announce cuts and jobs are lost the workload does not diminish for the remaining staff who are simply required to do more. Increasing workload from job losses, combined with rising student expectation driven by the commodification of HE, and a 24-hour work culture driven by technology, mean that incidences of work-related stress and an accompanying impact on mental health are all too common for university staff.

Conference notes the findings of UCU's most recent survey of members showing that that members work the equivalent of two days for free each week. Conference recognises the unacceptability of this situation and calls on UCU to lobby for Government action to direct higher education institutions to address the issue of workload and work related stress.

### **HE27A.1 Anti-casualisation committee**

Insert after second sentence, before 'Increasing workload':

Conference also recognises that as a result of cuts and redundancy programmes in HE, work that is left behind often strategically becomes more casualised. This is detrimental to the sector. Both the casualised and the permanent staff work significant unpaid hours resulting in damage to health. The campaign recognises that both staff groups are put at risk and seeks to campaign for secure jobs and a fair allocation of work for everyone.

## **HE28 Workload campaign: disabled workers and carers—step up the action Disabled members standing committee**

Conference notes:

1. excessive workload of an additional two days a week
2. the refusal or long delays in implementing, reasonable adjustments including timetabling issues for disabled workers
3. carers in higher education cut hours or leave their job due to the stress of juggling work and care commitments
4. the success of the first day of action on disabled members in higher education.

Conference believes the workload campaign must recognise these extra pressures and develop suitable actions and resources to support disabled workers. This is not only a matter of the stress and pressure of extra work, but also of remaining in work and preventing poverty.

Conference resolves to:

- a. develop resources and activities of the workload campaign to address the specific needs of disabled workers/carers
- b. support the DMSC to organise an annual day of action in higher education
- c. continue the reasonable adjustments campaign.

### **HE29 Disproportionate representation in disciplinary and other actions University of Northampton**

HESC notes that:

1. some HEIs use disciplinary action and extensions or failure of probation where the alleged poor performance is about tone, attitude or approach rather than misconduct
2. there is often a disproportionate over-representation in the same where the respondent has a protected characteristic
3. the use of discretion and the drawing of inferences can lead to discrimination.

HESC believes that:

- a. the use of disciplinary and similar procedures to manage performance where misconduct is not an issue is inappropriate
- b. the inappropriate use of disciplinary and similar procedures has the effect that employees with protected characteristics may be discriminated against.

HESC resolves:

- i. to challenge HEIs where there are patterns in the data that demonstrate inequalities of outcome
- ii. to challenge the use of performance management where the outcome is discriminatory
- iii. to actively support branches, including through funding legal action, where there is evidence of inequality of outcomes as against the protected characteristics.

### **HE30 Lecture capture (LC) University of Liverpool**

Conference notes:

1. UCU's position that the recording of lectures should be covered by a negotiated agreement between UCU and the employer and that participation in filmed or recorded lectures/teaching should always be voluntary
2. LC impacts on academic staff members' personal privacy, academic freedom, performance rights and health and differentially impacts protected categories.

There is evidence that universities:

- a. insist on LC as mandatory
- b. used LC material in disciplinary and performance review meetings.

Conference demands that:

- i. staff choosing not to use LC should not be required to engage in a formal opt out process

- ii. LC never be used in performance management, disciplinary action or to replace teaching during industrial action
- iii. LC not be used where teaching takes place in countries where freedom of speech is not guaranteed
- iv. UCU immediately seeks legal advice on the points in this motion.

### **HE31 Questionnaires to elicit student feedback on teaching University of Lincoln**

HE sector conference notes that universities elicit student feedback on teaching through questionnaires. This is in spite of clear evidence that this feedback is unrelated to teaching quality and that the feedback discriminates against women and minorities. What is worse is that at some institutions the results of these questionnaires are also used by management in decisions affecting staffing and promotions.

Branches and associations are trying to address these issues locally but it might be useful to bring these struggles together in a national campaign.

HE sector conference therefore calls on the HEC

1. to collate information at a national level about the use of module evaluations, and
2. to explore how such a campaign might best be constructed based on this evidence, and
3. to bring proposals for such a campaign to the next meeting of HE sector conference.

### **HE32 (EP) Academic freedom to discuss sex and gender University College London**

HESC notes:

1. UCU's commitment to equality and academic freedom
2. that UCU members have much to contribute to public debate over definitions of 'sex', 'gender' and 'gender identity'
3. harassment has been directed at academics and activists.

HESC believes:

- a. that UCU members hold diverse views
- b. members need not agree with the views of any academic to support their right to express them within the law (note 2)
- c. civil engagement with reasoned argument and empirical evidence is a foundational value of HE, and essential for democracy.

HESC resolves to:

- i. re-affirm our commitment to academic freedom in research and teaching, and to the right of academics to participate in political debates
- ii. condemn the blacklisting and abuse of academics for exercising their academic freedom and lawful rights.

### **HE32A.1 Higher education committee**

Add at end:

- iii. reaffirm that the rights of trans people and women are complementary
- iv. reaffirm the right of minority groups to self-identify
- v. recognise the importance of the central involvement of trans, non-binary people and women in sex/gender studies/debates and campaign for the resources for this
- vi. calls for joint Women's/LGBT+ Standing-Committee session at Cradle to Grave conference and guidelines with Women's/LGBT+ standing committee input on gender self-identification and cis women's and trans rights enhancing each other.

### **HE32A.2 LGBT+ members standing committee**

Add to resolves to iii and iv:

- iii. condemn any harassment of feminists and/or trans people for expressing views on sex, gender and gender identity;
- iv. construct spaces in which gender diversity can be explored through respectful dialogue underpinned by solidarity with all oppressed groups and the promotion of unity in action by women and trans people in the face of attacks on either group.

### **HE33 Mental health services Academic related, professional staff committee**

Conference notes:

1. increasing awareness of student and staff mental health needs
2. counselling services are vital to support staff and students
3. some universities are downgrading counsellors while adding workload to their roles
4. counselling staff are overloaded, demoralised and stressed.

Conference believes:

- a. student and staff mental health needs are best met by professional in-house counsellors rather than online provision
- b. more counsellors are needed to handle increasing demand
- c. counselling is a difficult job which management should respect
- d. counselling staff should not be casualised, downgraded, or have their hours reduced.

Conference instructs HEC to:

- i. publicise the important and effective work done by student counsellors
- ii. campaign for better resourced counselling services, with better pay and conditions.

**Academic related, professional staff (ARPS) (paragraphs 7.1-7.3)**

**HE34 Love Our ARPS**

**Academic related, professional staff committee**

Conference notes:

1. the many and varied roles of academic related and professional staff, recognising the vital role ARPS play in our institutions and our union
2. a significant percentage of the HE workforce occupy ARPS roles but this is not reflected in our membership figures.

Conference instructs HEC to launch a #LoveOurARPS campaign which:

- a. refreshes the ARPS manifesto for relaunch
- b. produces recruitment and campaign materials which reflect the diversity of ARPS roles and emphasise ARPS are an integral part of the academic team
- c. investigates institutional spending on ARPS CPD and establishes a model claim
- d. develops and deploys a regular survey expanding our understanding of ARPS issues
- e. facilitates greater inter-branch communication
- f. investigates ARPS casualisation through FOI and other means
- g. tables the ARPS role profiles as part of the UK HE claim and encourages branches to submit claims pursuing these
- h. links to the workload campaign.

**After paragraph 8.3, insert new heading: Research Excellence Framework (REF)**

**HE35 REF**

**Higher education committee, University of Liverpool**

HESC notes

1. the publication of the REF guidance, in particular the eligibility of outputs from previously employed staff
2. the requirement to include all category A staff, once they have one eligible output
3. previously REF portability encouraged a transfer league of staff which exacerbated pay inequalities.

HESC believes

- a. the new guidance on portability puts staff at risk of redundancy once outputs are published
- b. the lower threshold for inclusion increases the risk of
  - REF criteria being used for performance management purposes; and
  - the movement of staff from T&R to T&S contracts, undermining scholarship in universities.

HESC resolves

- i. to demand that the outputs from staff made redundant by an institution are made ineligible

- ii. to campaign against the use of REF criteria for performance management
- iii. to campaign for T&S to have equal status with T&R
- iv. to campaign for the abolition of REF.

### **HE36 REF codes of practice Yorkshire and Humberside regional HE committee**

Conference notes that REF2021 is having a major impact on university staff and that universities are consulting staff on codes of practice for research assessment. Staff need to question the selection process, equality impacts and real time allocated for research and scholarly activities.

Conference resolves that HEC will consult with members to produce minimum requirements and standards for local UCU branches to use in negotiating codes of practice and other REF issues with their management. These should address:

1. no detriment to the employment status and terms and conditions of staff not returned in the REF
2. equality impact assessment on how members in the various equality strands will be affected by institutional plans
3. stress risk assessment, with particular reference to workload intensity, due to the pressures of the REF
4. the removal of publications from REF submissions for staff who have been made redundant by their university.

#### **HE36A.1 Higher education committee**

Second paragraph, first sentence, after 'consult with members to produce', delete 'minimum standards'; replace with 'essential and desirable standards'.

End of point numbered 1, add 'and the negative impacts on individuals, departments and research'.

Add at end:

5. appropriate measures for including staff carrying out interdisciplinary research and creating an environment conducive to interdisciplinary research.

### **HE37 No REF submissions for redundant staff University of Glasgow**

Conference is concerned that the ability to include staff who have been made redundant in submissions to the REF increases vulnerability of staff and the risk of casualisation. Some universities have agreed policies to protect staff.

Conference instructs HEC to campaign for

1. employing institutions, possibly through UCEA, to agree not to return submissions of compulsorily redundant staff.
2. call on UCU to name and shame institutions abusing the REF process and to highlight good practice.

### **HE38 REF2021 and redundancy      Open University**

Conference notes that the UK HE funding bodies have bowed to pressure to allow universities to submit the work of former staff who have been made redundant in the REF2021.

If this decision is not reversed conference asks the HEC to use Freedom of Information requests or other suitable means to find out which institutions do so, and to name and shame offending institutions.

### **HE39 Composite: REF 2021 codes of practice      Women members standing committee, University of Westminster (Regent)**

Notwithstanding UCU policy opposing REF and the fact that REF is unfit for purpose, conference notes that REF2021 submissions and codes of practice must ensure specific considerations relating to equality and diversity. Institutions are required to demonstrate their selection processes are compatible with equality legislation and have been subject to an Equality Impact Assessment (EIA). Codes of practice must also include a statement on how the institution supports its fixed-term and part-time staff in relation to equality and diversity.

This conference resolves to ensure that institutional REF2021 equality statements are not mere lip-service to the REF2021 guidance but are clearly demonstrated in the selection processes and support provided to women employed with the sector.

HEC will:

1. collect data on imminent REF2021 codes of practice and equality statements
2. provide policy and guidance to branches for monitoring REF codes of practice and required EIA in their organisations.

### **HE40 REF and performance management      The University of Manchester**

Conference notes:

1. universities' internal REF planning aims to prepare for REF 2021, a goal which is distinct from fostering high-quality research
2. as part of this planning, universities are unilaterally introducing new measures of performance management and contract changes, which are not agreed processes
3. relevant issues were the subject of a conference on 7/12/2018.

Conference believes such practices violate existing agreements and, when this results in reduction or removal of research roles, constitute a threat to the UK's research capacity and weakens research-led teaching.

Conference resolves to:

- a. circulate outcomes of the conference to branches for use in local actions
- b. improve support for members at risk from formal and informal REF-related performance management, and enforced contract changes
- c. gather evidence and assess the need for a campaign of industrial action.

### ***Industrial action (paragraph 9.1)***



## **HE41 (EP) Empowering branches to pursue UK priorities through local collective agreements Higher education committee**

Conference notes the limited progress in delivering meaningful action through the national bargaining machinery on national priority issues like casualisation, the gender pay gap and workloads.

Conference also notes that UCU's strategy of continuing to push these issues nationally while coordinating and supporting work to drive improvements at local level has produced a series of successful local agreements on all these issues that deliver real improvements for our members.

Conference reiterates national priority status of these issues and calls on HEC to:

1. accelerate work to support and empower our branches to pursue local claims in relation to casualisation, the gender pay gap and workloads
2. ensure that bargaining guidance and campaign packs are worked into appropriate training resources
3. ensure the delivery of branch briefings and training events tailored to these priority issues
4. ensure that agreements and success stories are shared and publicised the union.

### ***Local disputes (paragraph 10.1)***

## **HE42 International branch campuses in the Middle East University of Birmingham**

HESC notes that:

1. UK universities continue to open international branch campuses overseas despite violations of human rights and restrictions to academic freedom.
2. the detention and murder of students studying at UK universities, as illustrated by the cases of Matthew Hedges (UAE) and Giulio Regeni (Egypt), and other students and academics in the region
3. the University of Birmingham has failed to negotiate with UCU on the opening of their Dubai campus. This included implementation of new staff policies and the effective de-recognition of the union on the new campus.

HESC resolves to:

- a. advise all members to '*Boycott*' the University of Birmingham Dubai campus. This is not industrial action, but an exercise of our academic freedom.
- b. instruct the HEC to work with MENA Solidarity, human rights organisations, and other trade unions to campaign for LGBTQ+ rights, workers' rights, and academic freedom on any new international branch campuses in the Middle East.

### **HE42A.1 University of Liverpool**

Add the following two points.

- c. UCU to send resource and support to branches dealing with international branch issues.
- d. UCU to develop a toolkit in collaboration with MENA where possible to support branches dealing with the development of international branches and with

members based in international campuses.

#### **HE42A.2 LGBT+ Members' Standing Committee**

Add to HESC notes that:

4. LGBT+ staff experience discrimination. Repression is everyday reality for many LGBT+ people globally
5. university practices that compromise LGBT+ rights undermine people's work and lives.

Add to HESC resolves to:

- c. call on Universities to consistently implement LGBT+ equality vigilantly promoting and protecting rights when working with and within other countries no less than in the UK
- d. with LGBT+ MSC produce guidance about working where LGBT+ is illegal and raise awareness of LGBT+ equality and human rights violations internationally.

#### ***New paragraph, HE funding, after paragraph 10.1***

#### **HE43 Augar review and the future of HE      University of Brighton Grand Parade**

Conference notes the widespread belief that the Augar Review will recommend a lower student fee, and denial of funding to students with low Level 3 grade profiles.

Conference believes this:

1. betrays an ignorance of the disjunction between level 3 and 4 performance, and the nature of higher learning
2. would set back widening participation, rendering HE a minority privilege
3. would create funding crises for many HEIs, with job losses and even closure for some
4. requires public campaigning, joint UCU action with SUs and NUS, including UCU industrial action, to defend the sector.

Conference instructs the HEC to:

- a. coordinate action by branches fighting job cuts and closures, and seek solidarity action from all branches
- b. position such action as the defence of higher education, and access to it
- c. jointly sponsor a national defence convention with CPU and CDBU and NUS to build support for resistance
- d. organise a national demonstration before any Parliamentary vote.

#### **HE44 Halt the changes to DSA**

#### **Disabled members standing committee**

Disability Student Allowance (DSA) was introduced to provide equality of opportunity for disabled students in higher education. In 2014 the government announced its plans to modernise DSA citing that the current system was outdated.

Since then there have been several controversial changes made to DSA. These include:

1. a compulsory student contribution of £200 DSA equipment a before it will be supplied
2. retraction of funding for lower classified non-medical support roles
3. minimal funding for specialist transcription services
4. removal of DSA funding for specialist accommodation
5. reduced computer peripherals and accessories funding.

Conference believes that these cuts have served to be an attack on the most vulnerable of learners as they are unlikely to be able to subsidize the changes.

Conference resolves to:

- a. join with NUS and DPOs to gather evidence of the impact of DSA cuts
- b. step up pressure to end the £200 equipment charge.

***New paragraph, Governance, after paragraph 10.1***

**HE45 Improved governance at universities in England and Wales University of Reading**

Conference notes that universities in Scotland are enhancing staff and student representation in their governance following the passing of the recent Act. No such changes are currently proposed in England and Wales. The decision making bodies at most universities, such as Senate, often pay lip service to accountability by allowing the election of staff members to key committees, but those members are then rendered unaccountable to those who elected them by invoking confidentiality.

Conference resolves:

1. to instruct the NEC to carry out surveys of all universities in England and Wales to establish which currently elect staff to their key decision-making bodies
2. to identify which of these permit those staff to be accountable to the wider staff community
3. to publish findings on governance in order to support branches who are fighting for better practice.

**HE46 Governance crisis in HE Open University**

Conference notes that 2018 and 2019 have seen several Vice-Chancellors and other senior figures in English universities resign under a cloud.

Conference believes these cases testify to the failure of a model of governance and of HE finance in which universities are run as businesses.

While each case has been different, common features have been a history of bullying and unacceptable pay differentials, and all have caused damage to their institutions and to higher education. Warnings by staff and unions that something was going seriously wrong have been ignored too often.

Conference asks HEC and its appropriate sub-committees to develop proposals for early warning systems as well as pressing for reform of HE governance and finance.

Conference also notes that the law may have been broken in some cases, and that the resignation of one or two senior figures should not prevent prosecution of those responsible.

***New paragraph, International staff and students, after paragraph 10.1***

**HE47 Fight for the rights of international workers and staff                      University of Warwick**

HESC notes that:

1. in light of heightened and rather polarised discussion of policies on immigration in the UK; rising visa fees; increased monitoring by the Home Office, and uncertainty over EU colleagues as Brexit nears, there is widespread concern as to whether universities are supporting international staff and workers
2. UCU activism during the USS strike led to the Home Office adding legal strike action to the list of exceptions to the rule on absences from employment without pay for migrant workers, showing that UCU activism can improve the lot of all workers.

HESC resolves to:

- a. issue a public statement on the need to address the issues faced by international staff and workers
- b. encourage all UCU branches to create international staff working groups to start addressing issues relating to increased monitoring; rising visa and NHS surcharge costs, and the impact of the EU Referendum.

**HE48 Supporting international students threatened with deportation for fee shortfalls                      UCU Scotland**

Conference reaffirms policy on free education and against exorbitant fees to international students.

Conference condemns exclusion from education and deportation of international students unable to pay the full fees.

Conference instructs UCU to work with NUS and local student unions to:

1. obtain data on the numbers of international students excluded and deported/voluntarily repatriated due to fee short falls
2. draw up an agreement to be negotiated with universities to prevent the exclusion and deportation of international students on grounds of fees.

Conference calls on branches to negotiate the implementation of this policy.

Conference instructs the UCU to put pressure on Government to support international students and prevent exclusion and deporting on grounds of fees, including by:

- a. making funding available to cover fee shortfalls.
- b. putting pressure on universities to sign agreements not to exclude students with fee shortfalls.

## **FURTHER EDUCATION SECTOR CONFERENCE**

### **MOTIONS FOR DEBATE**

#### **Motions FE1-FE2 to be taken in private session**

##### **FE1 FE England pay Further education committee**

Conference approves the report on the FE England 2018/19 pay round and progress in the 2019/20 round as circulated in FE branch circular UCUBANFE/17.

##### **FE2 (EP) FE England pay campaign Further education committee**

Conference notes that branches are succeeding in beating the anti-trade union ballot turnout laws.

Conference congratulates branches that have secured ground breaking pay and conditions deals off the back of ballots and action such as Capital City College Group, Hugh Baird College and New College Swindon.

The Tory trade union laws have backfired as members engage more with their union and picket lines swell. The community and media are behind our fight against the injustice of pay and funding in FE. Strike action in colleges is making a loud noise in the run up to the spending review in November.

Conference resolves to:

1. maintain support for branches continuing to pursue disputes over 2018/19 claims
2. provide maximum support to branches developing 2019/20 claims including local elements so branches can be balloted before the summer
3. hold a series of branch mobilisation briefing events before the ballots.

##### **FE2A.1 (EP) Further education committee**

Add an additional point 4 to 'Conference resolves to:'

4. Provide maximum support to branches where members suffer any detriment that we determine is a consequence of the increase in employer contributions to the Teachers' Pension Scheme.

#### **Motions FE4 onwards to be taken in open session**

##### **FE3 (EP) FE pay Yorkshire and Humberside regional FE committee**

Pay in FE remains an issue. UCU members have endured a 25% real terms pay cut over the last 10 years. Many have not had any pay rise for 10 years; yet we are told 'austerity has ended'. The gap between school teachers and FE lectures is greater than ever.

UCU has mounted an excellent pay campaign achieving some notable successes. However, for many lectures in FE where college executives have refused to engage in negotiation and have hidden behind the lack of government funding, the issue of pay remains.

Conference calls on FEC to:

1. build on the successes of the pay campaign

2. continue to fully support those UCU branches where ballots for action remain and where no pay deals have been achieved
3. support and help build those branches where ballots for action were not won, with the aim of revisiting balloting on pay.

**FE4 (EP) Pay, GTVO, job-security and branch solidarity West Midlands regional FE committee**

Conference notes:

1. the continued FE pay crisis
2. the role of this in the wider underfunding of FE which cuts away at working class access to education.

Conference celebrates:

- a. continued progress in mobilising turnout under restrictions of anti-union legislation
- b. the determination and persistence of members fighting for pay, including City of Wolverhampton smashing through their initial ballot turnout to achieve 78.2%
- c. the successful use of the pay dispute as an industrial lever to secure employment for casualised staff at CCCG
- d. the value of solidarity between branches with recent success and those working to mobilise members in delivering collective pay justice.

Conference resolves:

- i. to strengthen the mechanisms for branch solidarity by devising a programme for activist sharing of GTVO strategies for pay and security of work regionally and nationally
- ii. to continue to ballot members where colleges fail to meet our pay demands.

**FE4A.1 North West regional FE committee**

Add:

Conference requests:

- iii for the regional office to support reps to clean their membership lists
- iv the regional office to work with branch secretaries and branch membership officers by offering the follow up admin in helping to contact members to update their membership details.

**FE5 (EP) Job titles: Equal pay for equal work Yorkshire and Humberside regional FE committee**

Conference notes:

1. the abundance and variety of job titles in use within FE Colleges and the differences in remuneration attached to these titles
2. the practice of college management to use changed job titles to employ staff on inferior terms and conditions for example implementing artificial splits in the teaching role and classifying some teaching tasks/job roles as 'non teaching' in order to justify lower rates of pay

3. the detrimental effect this has on members and students.

Conference resolves:

- a. to work towards a standardisation of job title, role and description
- b. to start with a review of job titles, roles and remuneration of those teaching within the sector (information to come from colleges)
- c. to publicise the review findings and use them to work towards standardisation by engaging members in a campaign for equal pay for equal work'.

#### **FE6 (EP) Secure the future Disabled members standing committee**

Conference notes the recent cuts to funding in further education. It is also to be noted that these cuts are having a detrimental effect on the provision of statutory services to SEND learners. Learners, who are in most need of assistance are continually being left under resourced and with insufficient levels of support. The government is neglecting to recognise the need for consistency of approach in securing long term positive outcomes by ignoring the duty to appropriately fund pastoral services. Learners are being left to navigate a system which does not work for them, but against them which is resulting in exasperation of needs in many circumstances. This in turn leading to an increased pressuring on an already strained system.

Conference resolves to:

1. increase funding in FE
2. fight for rights of SEND learners
3. push to maintain provision of support services.

#### **FE6A.1 (EP) The Manchester College**

Replace:

1. increase funding in FE

with:

1. continue to lobby the government to urgently increase funding in FE

#### **FE7 (EP) Launch a campaign to end incorporation London regional FE committee**

Notes

1. incorporation in 1993 severed the link with democratically elected local authorities introducing the market into the sector
2. Labour's radical manifesto pledge to create an NES unifying the sector with a pledge to create funding parity with schools, restore FE funding, end loans, and restore EMA.

Believes

- a. incorporation has narrowed the curriculum to employability, made FE and adult ed one of the most casualised sectors, intensified competition, and led to soaring principals' pay and falling wages and conditions
- b. incorporation has failed; we need an alternative.

Resolves to

- vi. launch a campaign to end incorporation including: a big conversation on the theme 'end incorporation' with public meetings in regions hosting debate with FE stakeholders, community groups, NUS, unions and employers.
- vii. call a march and national lobby of parliament in the autumn.

### **FE8 (EP) Large classes in FE Kirklees College**

Due to the funding situation in FE, management and other bodies such as the FE commissioners are constantly looking for efficiency savings. One method is to increase class sizes without increasing the resources available. Many departments are given targets in this area. This results in the cancelling of courses and groups, potential job losses, an increase in workload and a reduction in the quality of teaching and learning. This is another example of FE professionals being asked to do more with less.

Conference recognises that

1. smaller class sizes are part of the unique nature of FE that allows students to thrive who have not done so in school
2. larger classes with fewer resources are yet another example of lecturers facing increased workload for no more reward.

Conference calls on UCU to

- a. investigate target setting in relation to class sizes.
- b. oppose increases in class size for purely economic reasons.

### **FE8A.1 (EP) The Manchester College**

Add, under 'Conference recognises that': 3. larger classes are being used as a mechanism to make staff redundant

### **FE8A.2 Disabled members standing committee**

Add at end of 'Conference recognises' point 1, 'disabled students in particular find FE to be a place where they can integrate and achieve'

Add to conference 'calls on UCU to':

- c. campaign to ensure that class size increases do not disadvantage disabled staff or students. This includes that teachers adjustment needs should be considered and adequate increases in LSA staff made when students are added to a class

### **FE9 (EP) Gender pay gap in FE Women members standing committee**

Conference notes:

1. the gender pay gap in FE is at least 10%
2. for women lecturers this is a loss of around £1,000 per year
3. women make up more than 3/4ths of those in the lowest pay quartile and only half of those in the highest pay quartile
4. the AOC tool kit on gender pay.



Conference believes this takes place against a background of pay cuts of around 25% since 2008 and means many of our women members struggle to make ends meet and some use food banks.

Conference calls on FEC:

- c. to develop an action plan to pressurise colleges to end the gender pay gap
- d. to consider gender pay as part of the next pay round.

Conference congratulates all colleges striking over pay and recognises that the fight for equal pay is made stronger by this action.

### **FE10 (EP) FE race pay gap Black members standing committee**

Conference notes that research in the higher education sector show that pay penalties for ethnic minorities are significant in the sector with black men and black women earning the least on average. Equality and human Rights Commission research also points to the fact that ethnic minorities typically earn less within occupations than their white British counterparts.

Conference believes that the further education sector needs to be able to produce robust statistical analyses in relation to race equality in the workplace. This would include studies on recruitment, progression and pay. This would also necessarily cover intersectional perspectives.

Conference resolves to:

1. work with relevant stakeholder bodies to establish a data collection authority in FE along the lines of the Higher Education Statistics Agency
2. develop research proposals with the EHRC to investigate the state of workplace racism in FE.

### **FE10A.1 (EP) Further education committee**

Replace:

Conference resolves to:

1. work with relevant stakeholder bodies to establish a data collection authority in FE along the lines of the Higher Education Statistics Agency

with:

Conference resolves to:

1. continue working with the Department for Education and relevant stakeholder bodies to develop a comprehensive & reliable data collection process for FE in England
2. work with relevant stakeholders in Wales & Northern Ireland to implement a similar data collection process for FE in Wales and Northern Ireland

### **FE11 (EP) Supporting branches to pursue national priorities through local collective agreements Further education committee**

Conference notes that branches have secured collective agreements on the unions' national priorities of reducing casualisation, closing the gender pay gap and reducing workloads. These collective agreements deliver real improvements for our members.

Conference reiterates national priority status of these issues and calls on FEC to:

1. accelerate work to support and empower our branches to pursue local claims in relation to casualisation, the gender pay gap and workloads
2. ensure that bargaining guidance and campaign packs are worked into appropriate training resources
3. ensure the delivery of branch briefings and training events tailored to these priority issues
4. ensure that agreements and success stories are shared and publicised throughout the union.

## **FE12 (EP) Casualisation and part-two claims Anti-casualisation committee**

Conference congratulates the branches who have:

1. established principles for fighting for fair treatment of casualised staff
2. won fractionalised contracts for their long-term casualised staff
3. promoted these successes.

Conference notes, however, that

- a. the issue of casualisation continues to not always be prioritised
- b. often being unconnected to the main structure of the college or prison, casualised staff are mistreated and sacrificed with impunity
- c. too great a proportion of casualised staff have protected characteristics
- d. due to their precarious circumstances, casualised staff suffer continually from stress.

Conference requires relevant UCU bodies to:

- viii. encourage all branches to identify all types of casualisation amongst represented UCU staff groups, including lecturing and non-lecturing roles and those employed by subsidiary companies
- ix. supply branches with and encourage the use of model part-two claims, which address all possible issues of casualisation, to be used in their bargaining and negotiations.

### **FE12A.1 Anti-casualisation committee**

In 'Conference requires', insert new number ii, then renumber ii as iii:

- ii. compile and keep up-to-date a database of agreements made in some branches, detailed enough for use in negotiations

Add a new number iv:

- iv. provide training for reps to help them:
  - identify members suffering from stress or mental health problems
  - help members record extra hours worked and claim pay for them
  - negotiate with managers and HR for sick pay

- identify hidden charges, such as having to pay for a DBS check, and help members claim them back.

### **FE13 (EP) Fighting casualisation in ACE Hackney ACE**

Conference notes:

- 1 work done by UCU and the ACC to promote the fight against casual contracts in ACE, including the ACC motion to Congress 2016 demanding more resources for, research into and support for ACE branches
- 2 the information gathered by a recent FOI, which showed the overwhelming use of casual contracts in ACE. The responses confirmed that 70% of tutors in the sector are on casual contracts, with 36% of them on zero hours contracts.
- 3 the case of Hackney Learning Trust, where the UCU branch successfully moved all teaching staff from hourly paid to fractional contracts.

Conference resolves to:

- a. encourage more work to be done to support ACE branches to improve their contracts
- b. promote the struggles of the ACE sector within regional and national structures.

Conference demands relevant UCU bodies and officers prioritise identifying and supporting ACE branches who want to fight the use of casual contracts.

#### **FE13A.1 (EP) Anti-casualisation committee**

To 'Conference notes:', add number 4:

- 4 where branches, regions and UCU officers have prioritised the work needed to improve contracts in an institution, they have often been successful. These successes can be mirrored in ACE, if members in the ACE sector are supported and experiences are shared across the FE sector.

In 'Conference resolves to', at the end of b, delete the full stop and add:

and encourage pairing of FE branches who have had successes in improving contracts with ACE members, through anti-casualisation branch officers.

### **FE14 (EP) Protecting and mitigating against redundancy work done by hourly-paid staff Anti-casualisation committee**

Conference notes that hourly-paid staff in colleges and ACE are often used to cover sudden vacancies or long-term sickness.

Conference believes:

1. where a decision is made to create a post out of work being done by hourly-paid staff, they should be given priority to apply and gain that permanent work before advertising externally
2. there may be issues around this to do with employment and equal opportunities law, but there is a duty on employers to mitigate against redundancies.

Conference requests relevant UCU bodies to:

- a. explore what the employment law is in this regard and make advice available to branches, so that they can negotiate and establish principles to prioritise current hourly-paid staff for available vacancies
- b. make necessary amendments where employment law could be a barrier to this campaign.

**FE15 (EP) Gender and workload**

**Women members standing committee**

Conference recognises:

1. that excessive workload in FE has a gendered impact- it impacts doubly on women who also face a gender pay gap and are more likely to have caring responsibility
2. the dramatic increase in workload has arisen because of the rounds of redundancies and other 'efficiencies' that follow the Tories' austerity cuts.

Conference believes:

- a. an average working week of around 51 hours cannot be sustained without damage to physical health and mental wellbeing
- b. the dual burden of work and caring responsibility increases impact on women's health and also increases the possibility of women being attacked on the grounds of capability or absence at a higher rate than men
- c. the workload campaign needs to be spread into every branch as an organising tool.

Conference instructs FEC to develop a plan for regional and branch workload campaigns involving action including lobbies and protests.

**FE16 (EP) Workload and contact hours**

**Croydon College**

Conference notes the continuing redefinition of contact hours to exclude all contact time other than for teaching group lessons. Assessment, verification, one to one pastoral tutorials, increasing administration and attendance tasks, parents evenings, recruitment events exceed the remaining non-contact times. This conference resolves to campaign for:

1. a reduction in contact hours
2. contact hours to include parents' evenings, one to one tutorials, taster day activities, recruitment interviews should be counted as contact time.

**FE17 (EP) Winning for members in prison education committee**

**Further education**

Conference notes that:

1. prison educators pay has not kept pace with mainstream FE
2. those working for a private provider cannot currently access TPS
3. violence and drugs are rife in prisons, and the working environment is often unfit for purpose
4. the Prison Education Framework means more prison educators are working for a private provider

5. our members can be excluded from a prison and lose their job at the whim of a governor.

Conference therefore calls on FEC to:

- a. support branches to secure a rep and health and safety rep in every prison
- b. support branches to reach agreement on proper pay and reward structures
- c. campaign with other prison unions to ensure our members feel safe at work
- d. seek lifelong access for prison educators to TPS
- e. campaign to ensure that prison educators have parity of access to natural justice when faced with exclusion.

### **FE18 Reasonable adjustments in prisons committee**

### **Disabled members standing**

Conference is concerned to learn that our disabled members in prisons struggle to get any reasonable adjustments that are necessary to make work possible without risk, injury, pain and suffering.

Conference also notes continuing reports of long delays in getting necessary equipment and adjustments in FE.

Due to ongoing discrimination casualised workers can find it particularly difficult to declare their disability, and to request the reasonable adjustments to which they are legally entitled.

Conference believes that UCU must develop a strategy to support members in getting reasonable adjustments in a timely way.

Conference instructs FEC to:

1. work with the DMSC to develop a campaign to enforce the right to reasonable adjustments, which includes advice to branches on how to best support individuals
2. provide improved legal advice to individuals
3. plan and implement a parliamentary lobbying campaign
4. plan and implement a campaign lobbying employers, particularly prison employers.

### **FE18A.1 Further education committee**

First sentence, before 'disabled members', delete 'our'. After 'in prisons', insert 'can'.

Conference instructs point 4, delete all and replace with 'develop a campaign and claim for branches to use with employers, particularly in the prison sector.'

### **FE19 Developing UCU's work around the adult and community education Sector Hackney ACE**

Conference notes that:

1. adult and community education is an important sector of UCU. Although its branches are small, teachers in this sector deliver high quality education to people who are unable to access formal education in FE and HE. They are often

employed on insecure contracts and the future of the sector is often under threat, depending on the political will of local authorities to provide ACE

2. that despite work done by UCU to increase participation of ACE, engagement from members in this sector remain low.

Conference demands that:

- a. the information collecting by the members' survey and recent FOI is used to the fullest to develop activity around ACE
- b. proper time and thought is put into future ACE national meetings and that they occur earlier in the academic year
- c. a member of staff is always allocated to developing ACE
- d. the long promised ACE recruitment video is made.

## **FE20 Workplace racism                      Black members standing committee**

Conference notes that the scourge of workplace racism is on the rise in the workplace. A report by the TUC in 2018 found that:

1. nearly 100 per cent of BME people reported that their experiences of racism at work has a significant negative impact on both their work and personal lives, such as feeling less confident at work and isolated from colleagues
2. making a complaint even in cases that are dealt with appropriately risks resulting in being further isolated from colleagues and can result in repercussions such as being subjected to disciplinary procedure, counter-complaint or branded a 'trouble maker'.

Conference further notes that the experience of workers in the FE sector mirrors these findings as evidenced by the 'witness' research UCU has undertaken.

Conference resolves to establish a mechanism for recording or logging instances of race discrimination using the End Everyday Racism project as a model.

## **FE21 GEO (Government equalities office) LGBT report and action plan - impact for FE                      LGBT+ members standing committee**

Conference welcomes the government's statement, in the National LGBT survey (2018), 'ensuring that LGBT teachers and people working in education are free to be themselves'.

Support for being out as LGBT+ is particularly important in FE where many of the students begin to explore their identities. This applies in workplaces involved in apprenticeships where climates can be negative for LGBT+ people. This is often ignored e.g. not including LGBT+ in a survey of apprenticeship take-up.

Government identified that 83% of incidents in education went unreported. Under-reporting has to be addressed including prevention of bullying and harassment.

Conference calls for equality officers or active representatives to be offered specific LGBT+ training so that they can offer support to members and liaise with HR teams, senior management and workplaces.

Conference also calls for FEC to work with the LGBT+ MSC in lobbying for more cross-sectoral work to be done for LGBT+ equality.

## **FE22 Enabling understanding and visibility of LGBT+ in FE LGBT+ members standing committee**

Conference notes

1. by 2019-20 FE young person funding will be similar to in 2006-7
2. adult education is badly affected by cuts including ESOL
3. EDI is carried out by Coaching Tutors largely untrained in LGBT+ identities
4. college-wide EDI training is often delivered in an online package with all the protected characteristics lumped together.

Conference believes that lack of face-to-face and well-planned training results in lack of understanding.

Conference recognises that in FE

- a. adults find a second chance and space to reinvent themselves outside of the home or workplace
- b. trans students are able to talk for the first time in public about their experiences.

Conference calls for FEC to

- i. produce an LGBT+ package that supports participants asking questions by providing interactive time
- ii. with regions and LGBT+ MSC provide LGBT+ workshops across UCU
- iii. campaign for classroom materials that reflect and celebrate LGBT+ identities.

## **FE23 (EP) No to compulsion in further education City and Islington College Camden Road**

Conference notes:

1. that in 2013 law was passed making it illegal for those between the ages of 16-18 to not be in work, education or training
2. the dramatic rise of mental health issues among students.

Believes:

- a. that young people need to be inspired to learn and not forced
- b. that compulsion leads to young people becoming even more alienated from the liberating influence of education
- c. that compulsion is having a dramatic impact on workload. The increase in systems to monitor and track student attendance is consuming lecturers time.
- d. that these systems are increasingly being used to discipline lecturers who are unable to keep up with these demands.

Resolves:

- x. UCU to campaign for the repealing of the 2013 Act making it compulsory for 16 - 18 year olds to be in work education and training
- xi. to campaign against increase in attendance monitoring by lecturers.

**FE24 Composite: End compulsion in GCSE English and maths  
College, London regional FE committee**

**Lambeth**

Conference notes:

1. the imposition of compulsory English and maths GCSEs is a condition of funding for 16-18 year-olds
2. despite widespread criticism the government has failed to drop its policy of compulsion
3. students can be tied into a cycle of re-sits for three years
4. overworked teaching and support staff are pressurised to chase up student absentees at the expense of other essential duties
5. that forcing students to keep re-sitting GCSEs is demoralising for students and staff and undermines equality.

Conference believes:

- a. Compulsory enrolment for all 16-18 year olds who have not gained GCSE grade 4 in English and maths is punitive
- b. the return to exam based learning for GCSE English and maths is creating stress for lecturers and students whilst failing to raise to standards
- c. English and maths skills play an important role in enabling individuals to participate fully in society
- d. in the importance of giving students every opportunity to develop these skills
- e. that providing this opportunity is an issue of equality.

Conference resolves to:

- i. lobby government and campaign publicly to end English and maths compulsion for post-16 learners
- ii. lobby and campaign for the development of course-based study and assessment in these subjects
- iii. commission research into alternative, inclusive strategies for delivering English and maths.

**FE25 (EP) Learning not testing**

**Croydon College**

FE conference notes the increasing evidence of rising levels of stress and mental health issues of young people in education. Conference believes that the policies of successive Tory governments to roll back progressive education initiatives, and move away from course work to testing is a contributory factor. Conference resolves to promote and develop policy that is built around the concepts of social inclusion and learning not testing.

**FE25A.1 Disabled members standing committee**

Add new paragraph:

In relation to disabled students we express concern about practices that see students with ECHP funding entitlement simply as economic assets, that neglect adjustment needs of students and staff and urge UCU to work with DPOs and NUS to



develop and lobby for a truly inclusive policy so that disabled students, including those with learning disability, can participate on an equal basis in FE.

## **FE26 Learning walks and CPD New City College Redbridge**

Conference notes that:

1. learning walks have replaced graded observations in many colleges. There is no evidence that observations improve teaching and learning
2. almost two-thirds of FE teachers do not spend any time at all on CPD. More collegial forms of CPD are supported by a substantial body of academic and practical research.

Conference believes:

- a. the abandonment of graded observations by Ofsted opened up the possibility of a new approach to teaching and learning development
- b. college managements have missed this opportunity and adopted assessment policies which fail to improve teaching and learning.

Conference resolves that:

- i. ROCC produces a summary of good existing practice (e.g. teacher learning communities)
- ii. FEC develops a campaign, including industrial action where appropriate, to assist branches to negotiate better CPD policies, and considers the inclusion of demands for a national evidence-based universal CPD entitlement as part of claims for improved pay and conditions.

### **FE26A.1 South East regional committee**

In 'Conference resolves that', add new ii after i and renumber accordingly:

- ii. ROCC to reissue the appropriate documents circulated for the works/reports produced by Matt O'Leary in 2013 and 2014 concerning lesson observation.

## **FE27 Work experience City of Oxford College Activate Learning**

Conference notes the following problems:

1. the organisation and monitoring of work experience for 16-19 year old students has become a major task in FE involving tutors, in particular, who are often asked to undertake this role on top of their normal tutorial activities
2. work experience is being pushed by college management, mainly for funding reasons, with little consideration of the actual benefits for the students involved
3. the timing of the work experience weeks is proving problematic especially when students are also facing external exams
4. finding suitable work experience placements is proving difficult for some students given the large numbers seeking work experience at any one time.
5. many FE students already undertake substantial paid work in order to support themselves.

Conference calls upon UCU to undertake a review of the use of work experience in FE colleges nationally and report back to the next FE sector conference.

## **FE28 (EP) OFSTED                      City of Oxford College Activate Learning**

Conference notes the consultation about new OFSTED inspection framework being rolled out for FE in 2019 with 'wherever possible' the promise of reduced workload for teaching staff, greater emphasis on the substance of education and less emphasis on the collection of data.

However it seems:

1. the 'outstanding' grade will stay, and that the overall effectiveness judgement will remain a feature of the framework
2. also the four point grading scale will remain as will an overall judgement about a provider
3. in addition, OFSTED will still be using performance data and accountability measures.

Conference is not convinced that the planned changes make OFSTED any more 'fit for purpose' from an educational perspective.

### **FE28A.1 (EP) Composite Yorkshire and Humberside regional FE committee, New City College Redbridge, Chesterfield College**

Add at end of the final paragraph: 'Conference reiterates UCU's policy to call for the abolition of OFSTED, which is not "fit for purpose". Conference resolves to lobby the Labour Party and other political bodies to implement abolition, and to include the abolition of OFSTED in their next election manifestos.'

## **FE29 FE participation in UCU conferences/events                      Further education committee**

Conference notes:

1. UCU Congress/sector conference and Cradle to the Grave conference are held during work or holiday
2. the Cradle to Grave conference has no speakers from FE.

Conference believes:

- a. it is much harder for FE members to get time off work to attend UCU conferences/events than colleagues working in HE
- b. whilst not all colleges have half terms at the same time a significant amount do
- c. holding UCU conferences/events at these times prohibits FE members fully participating in UCU democratic decision-making bodies
- d. failure to invite keynote speakers from the FE sector to conferences like Cradle to the Grave misses an opportunities to use the vast intellectual and creative ability of the sector.

Conference calls on the NEC to, when producing the UCU calendar for conferences/events (outside of annual congress), ensure that they are not held on a working day or within holiday periods.

## MOTIONS NOT ORDERED ONTO THE AGENDA

### **I Motions submitted after the deadline, not considered to meet the criteria for late motions**

*To be accepted as a late motion after the original motion deadline, motions must be urgent, timely, requiring a decision of Congress or sector conference, and could not have been submitted by the deadline.*

#### **Submitted to Congress**

##### **B1 Retired members and pensions**

##### **Scottish retired members**

Congress notes that

1. RMBs cannot submit motions to sector conferences
2. in recent years motions from RMBs on pensions, a legitimate area of concern to retired members, have been rejected as reserved to sectors
3. this results in the disenfranchisement of retired members in an area of direct concern to them

Congress instructs NEC addressed this problem, and to consider two proposals in particular, without ruling out other suggestions:

- a. a specific session in Congress proper where wider pension matters might be discussed, recognising that the particular details of the two schemes remain the preserve of the relevant sector conferences
- b. amending the CBC guidelines to the effect that where an RMB submits a motion to Congress which, though deemed by CBC to be sectoral, is clearly of legitimate concern to retired members, said motion may, at the discretion of CBC, be added to the appropriate sectoral business.

##### **B2 Investigate the timing of future ballots**

##### **University of Oxford**

Congress notes:

1. that recent pay and equalities ballots have failed to surpass the legal 50% threshold required for industrial action
2. that issues of term-time and staff leave particular to the HE and FE sectors likely have an effect on the optimum timing of industrial action ballots
3. that in principle, the question of optimal ballot timing is amenable to investigation by empirical investigation and/or behavioural modelling.

Congress resolves to:

- a. establish a volunteer group comprising of people with relevant expertise or interest to investigate and model optimum ballot timing
- b. release outputs of this effort in an open and transparent manner
- c. use these outputs to inform the timing of future industrial action ballots.

**B3 Developing negotiations to increase job security South Thames College**

*Text identical to motion 38.*

**B4 Electronic voting at Congress and sector conferences University of Essex**

Congress notes:

1. collectively, vote counts at Congress, FESC and HESC cause a significant loss of business time and can create frustration amongst delegates.
2. electronic voting has been used successfully by the NEU
3. electronic voting improves ease of access to voting for the hearing/sight impaired
4. a majority of delegates at Congress 2018 voted for the introduction of electronic voting, but not the two-thirds required for a rule change.

Congress instructs:

- a. electronic voting to be used at all future Congresses and Sector Conferences
- b. the electronic voting system to identify how individual delegates vote and ensure this information is available following each vote
- c. second sentence of Congress Standing Order 38 to be amended to replace 'A count...' with 'An electronic vote...'
- d. Congress Standing Order 39 to be amended to replace 'Before a count employing tellers...' with 'Before an electronic vote...'

**B5 Enable NDC to submit motions to Congress and conference University of Oxford**

Rule 16.7.1: after 'specialist committees set up under Rule 25', add ', National Dispute Committees'

New rule to be added following 16.7.5:

16.7.6: National Dispute Committees will each be entitled to submit two motions and two amendments to Congress, and two motions and two amendments to their relevant Sector Conference(s).

*Purpose: to give the National Dispute Committee (set up to steer the USS dispute) the ability to submit motions to Congress or the sector conference.*

**B6 Gaining recognition for workers in private provider HE pathway colleges University of Sheffield International College**

Significant increases in private 'pathway' providers at universities across the UK, are threatening the working conditions of all UCU members – staff are on zero hours, poor pay/conditions with no Union support or recognition.

The University of Sheffield International College (part of Study Group), the newest branch of UCU, gained recognition through the encouragement and care of our University branch.

Study Group, one of two dozen companies using similar business formats – ‘flexible staffing’ (largely casualised labour, teaching big class sizes and long hours – some colleges opening weekends and evenings until 9pm). There’s an awful lot of profit in International students – university managers recognise this.

Congress believes established university branches, should be recruiting and supporting new members to build their own branches in the private pathway colleges.

Congress resolves:

- a. to organise campaigns through local branches to recruit private providers’ staff and support them in building new branches
- b. offer membership subsidies for zero-hours staff

### ***Submitted to HE sector conference***

#### **B7 Relating to the pensions dispute University of Sussex**

Conference resolves:

1. to call on USS to implement in full, in the 2018 valuation, the 6 JEP proposals for the 2017 valuation
2. not to accept any increase in member contributions, including 'trigger contributions', for this valuation
3. to call on our employer to endorse this position, and also to publish their response to the USS technical provisions document.

#### **B8 Support of outsourced workers at the central University of London University of Sussex**

Conference resolves to:

1. organise a boycott of University of London central administration (including Senate House, Stewart House, the Warburg, the Institute of Historical Research, the Institute of Advanced Legal Studies and Student Central) until the outsourced workers' demands are met and they are brought in-house. The boycott will require members to not organise or attend events at these buildings.
2. inform members of the boycott and the reasons behind the boycott of University of London central administration (including Senate House, Stewart House, the Warburg, the Institute of Historical Research, the Institute of Advanced Legal Studies, and Student Central).

### **II Motions not approved in accordance with the Congress standing orders**

*Congress and sector conference motions (including those submitted as late motions) must be properly approved in accordance with Congress standing orders 3.1-3.2 – which usually means approval by a quorate branch meeting.*

### ***Submitted to Congress***

#### **B9 Solidarity to Stansted 15 University of Leicester**

Congress notes the case of the 'Stansted 15', who in December 2018, were found guilty of endangering the safety of an aerodrome, a terrorism offence; in February this year, they received suspended sentences or community orders.

Congress believes that these people acted with bravery, humanity and kindness. It believes that the government's decision to charge them with terror-related offences was politically-motivated and designed to reinforce its 'hostile environment for migrants' – a policy Congress condemns. Although we welcome the fact that the trial judge – perhaps influenced by the public campaign in support of the activists – decided against custodial sentences, we note that the terrorism convictions currently stand: beside their ethical unjustness, such convictions will limit severely future travel freedom and employment possibilities.

Congress resolves to send a message of solidarity to the Stansted 15 and to donate £250 towards the costs of the legal appeal against their convictions.

### **B10 Opposing Prevent Goldsmiths University of London**

Conference notes that:

1. Prevent deals in the realm of 'extreme' ideas and 'pre-crime', not crimes or violence
2. safeguarding is an established process that well precedes Prevent
3. prevent distorts safeguarding by turning as welfare process into one of national security
4. the recent moves to capture the far-right under the purview of Prevent only help to legitimise Prevent and gloss over the deep issues Prevent has on universities, and to mask the impact on Muslim and racialised communities it has historically targeted.

In this context, the proposed review of Prevent is in danger of further institutionalising authoritarian and racist practices, in universities and in British society more widely.

Conference resolves:

- a. to form a working group mobilising for the repeal of Prevent in the context of its proposed review and beyond
- b. to develop training workshops for branches on resisting Prevent.

### **B11 Tackling inter-generational fairness Northern retired members**

Congress

1. notes the publication on 25 April 2019 of the House of Lords Select Committee report on inter-generational fairness and provision
2. welcomes the report's emphasis on successive governments' failure to provide adequate housing, proper apprenticeships, and effective funding of both FE and HE, all of which impact disproportionately on the opportunities and wellbeing of younger people
3. believes that the report's proposal of significant detriment to older people as partial solution to these problems is both unfair and likely to be ineffectual. Reductions in the winter fuel allowance, free bus passes, and post-75 free TV license are largely totemic, pandering to populist opinion and perpetuate the lie that millions of retirees are living in luxury.

Congress instructs NEC to review this and other related reports on supposed intergenerational unfairness and to produce a critique in conjunction with its RMBs

which reaffirms the unity of a cross-generational approach to lifelong funded learning.

**Submitted to HE sector conference**

**B12 Online degrees Goldsmiths University of London**

Conference notes that the increasing deployment of online degrees and Massive Open Online Courses (MOOCs) threaten to undermine existing terms and conditions.

Conference calls on HEC to extend relevant provisions of HE25 and HE34 (passed at Congress 2018) addressing lecture capture to cover online offerings and to ensure that:

1. participation in online programmes is voluntary
2. programme development does not entail excessive workloads
3. academics oversee final quality control, to prevent reputational damage to themselves or their institutions
4. academics have no contractual obligations to third party providers, only to their employing HEI via negotiated contracts.
5. academics retain moral and performance rights to their content
6. academics have a say in how their content is used and should receive a fair share of revenue from commercial exploitation of their content
7. films and other recordings are not used during industrial action in lieu of classes.

**III Not ordered into agenda for other reasons**

**Amendments submitted to Congress:**

*B13 not considered to be a competent amendment (i. amendment appears to have no effect; ii. amends purpose, not rule change)*

**B13 Amendment to motion 85 University of Liverpool**

In final paragraph, 'Purpose, paragraph, amend to say 'immediately' after 'The rule change can come into effect'

*B14 ruled out of order on the grounds of legal advice that the union could not lawfully implement the amendment.*

**B14 Part of amendment submitted to motion 75 Yorkshire and Humberside regional committee**

Final clause (the rest of the amendment has been ordered):

Add at the end of 'Congress resolves a.':

and will write to universities and branches urging no recognition of Ariel University degrees.

## **Acronyms and abbreviations used in the motions in this report**

ACC – Anti-casualisation committee  
ACE – Adult and continuing education  
ARPS – Academic related, professional staff  
BMSC – Black members standing committee  
BRICUP – British Committee for Universities of Palestine  
CBC – Congress business committee  
CCCG – Capital City College Group  
CDBU – Council for the Defence of British Universities  
CEIA – Commission on effective industrial action  
CPD – Continuing professional development  
DfID – Department for International Development  
DMSC – Disabled members standing committee  
DPOs – Disabled people’s organisations  
DSA – Disabled student allowance  
EAT – Employment Appeals Tribunal  
EDI – Equality, diversity and inclusion  
EHRC – Equality and Human Rights Commission  
EI – Education International  
EIA - Equality impact assessment  
EMA – Education maintenance allowance  
ESOL – English for speakers of other languages  
ETUCE – European Trade Union Committee for Education  
EU – European Union  
FE – Further education  
FEC – Further education committee  
FESC – Further education sector conference  
FHE – Further and higher education  
FOI – Freedom of information  
FSFE – Free Software Foundation Europe  
FST – Formal scheduled teaching  
GEO – Government Equalities Office  
GJA – Greener Jobs Alliance  
GRA – Gender Recognition Act



GTVO – Get the vote out

HE – Higher education

HEC – Higher education committee

HEI – Higher education institution

HESC – Higher education sector conference

JEP – Joint Expert Panel

JNCHES – Joint Negotiating Committee for Higher Education Staff

LC – Lecture capture

LGBT+ - Lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans, or any other non-heterosexual or non-binary identity

LGBT+MSC – LGBT+ members standing committee

MENA – Middle East North Africa

MH – Mental health

MyUCU – the on-line portal that allows member to access and update their membership record

NDC – National dispute committee

NDA – Non-disclosure agreement

NEC – National executive committee

NES – National Education Service

NEU – National Education Union

NSS – National student survey

NUS – National Union of Students

OFSTED – Office for standards in Education

PSC – Palestine Solidarity Campaign

REF – Research Excellence Framework

RMB – Retired members branch

ROCC – Recruitment, organising and campaigning committee

SEND – Special educational need

SFC – Strategy and finance committee

T&R – Teaching and research

T&S – Teaching and scholarship

TEF – Teaching excellence and student outcomes framework

TPS – Teachers pension scheme

TUC – Trades Union Congress

TVET – Technical and vocational education and training

UKRI – UK Research and Innovation

UNCRPD – United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities

UNESCO – United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation

USS – Universities Superannuation Scheme

VP – Vice president

WMSC – Women members standing committee

WRAP – Waste and resources action plan