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To FE Branch Secretaries

Topic **FE ratification panel: Call for nominations**

Action **Raise with FE sector conference delegates; nominations to be submitted by 17:00, Wed 21 October 2020**

Summary Members of the FE ratification panel will be elected by the interim annual sector conference. Nominations are now called for.

Contact Andrew Harden, Head of Further Education (aharden@ucu.org.uk)

Dear Colleague

Call for nominations: FE Ratification Panel Members

Further Education Sector Conference 2016 amended and adopted motion FE7 which called for the creation of a Further Education Agreement Ratification Panel, with the purpose of overseeing local agreements on pay and conditions, with four members elected from FESC delegates each year. Following the postponement of the annual Congress and sector conferences scheduled for May 2020, these elections will now take place amongst delegates to the interim on-line Congress and sector conferences taking place 28-30 October 2020.

Further Education Committee adopted recommendations in relation to the process of election to the panel:

- That a national ratification panel be established by the election at FESC of 4 panel members nominated in advance in line with the procedures to establish employment status used to elect negotiators.
- That FEC elect a vice-chair for membership of the panel.
- That at least two panel members be female and
- That no two members of the panel be from the same region.

This is a formal request for nominations for members of the FE agreement ratification panel who are elected from sector conference.

All delegates to Further Education Sector Conference who are in current employment are eligible to be nominated – including members of the Further Education Committee.

At the time of submission of nomination candidates must be in qualifying employment under rule 3.1.1 or have been in qualifying employment within the preceding 6 months, unless a pattern of casualised work in the post-16 education sector can be proven within the preceding 24 months. Candidates must provide, as part of their nomination, evidence of their qualifying employment, normally in the form of a copy of a payslip for work carried out within the preceding 6 months, or, in the case of a member who is self-employed, evidence of payment for work carried out within the preceding 6

months, or of a pattern of casualised work in the post-16 education sector within the preceding 24 months, to be received by the deadline for nomination. Any dispute in regards to a candidate's eligibility will be referred for decision to the chair of FEC who shall be advised by the National Head of Democratic Services.

The process is by self-nomination. If your sector conference delegate wishes to stand as one of the four elected ratification panel members they should complete the form attached at Appendix 1 and email the completed form to dbussell@ucu.org.uk together with proof of employment (normally in the form of a payslip) by **17:00 on Wednesday 21 October 2020**.

An electronic ballot will be held after the interim on-line Congress and sector conferences on 28-30 October 2020. The electorate will be the FE sector conference delegates who registered for and joined that on-line meeting.

Those members elected will serve until the next annual Congress meeting, which is currently scheduled for 29-31 May 2021.

Yours sincerely

Dr Jo Grady
General Secretary

**FORM FOR THE NOMINATION OF MEMBERS OF THE FURTHER EDUCATION
AGREEMENT RATIFICATION PANEL**

Please complete this form and either:

Email the completed form to David Bussell (dbussell@ucu.org.uk) by **17:00 on
Wednesday 21 October.**

Name:

Gender:

Branch / LA:

**Employment status (please indicate whether full-time, part-time, hourly-paid
etc):**

Place(s) of employment

Experience of negotiation (a statement of no more than 150 words)