

University and College Union

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To	Branch and local association secretaries
Topic	UCU Elections 2020-2021: Nominations received
Action	For information; to publicise to members
Summary	Notice of nominations received for officer and NEC positions. Ballots take place 29 January – 2 March 2021.
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Dear Colleague

UCU Elections 2020-2021: Nominations received and ballot timetable

1 Nominations received

Nominations for officer and National Executive Committee positions closed at 4:00pm on Tuesday 17 November 2020. (The notice calling for nominations was set out in branch circular UCU/1041. The text of this notice can be found at <http://www.ucu.org.uk/elections>).

A list of nominations received is appended to this circular.

Note that the deadline for nominations to the positions of UCU Scotland president and UCU Scotland honorary secretary has been extended to 16:00, Tuesday 15 December. See [UCU/1047](http://www.ucu.org.uk/1047) for details. A list of nominations received for these seats will be published after that deadline.

2 Uncontested elections

There are six uncontested elections where nominations (or nominations fulfilling a criteria required under rule) do not exceed the number of places available and candidates are not standing for any contested position which requires earlier consideration:

- Helen Kelsall (The Trafford College Group) is declared elected to the position of geographically-elected NEC member, North West, from the further education sector

- John James (Coleg Gwent Newport), is declared elected to the position of geographically-elected NEC member Wales (and vice president of UCU Wales), from the further education sector
- Brian Hamilton (NOVUS prison education) is declared elected as a representative of prison education members.
- Robyn Orfitelli (University of Sheffield) is declared elected as a representative of migrant members
- Peter Evans (South Thames College) is declared elected as the only FE candidate for the seats for representatives of LGBT+ members; a ballot will take place to elect one HE member
- Cecily Blyther (PETROC) is declared elected as the only FE candidate for the seats for representatives of casually employed members; a ballot will take place to elect one HE representative.

3 Schedule for elections

Ballots for all contested elections set out in this circular are expected to open on Friday 29 January 2021 and close at noon on Tuesday 2 March 2021.

Instructions for any members who do not receive the ballot material to which they are entitled will be made available shortly before the ballot opens.

Candidates have the opportunity to provide an election address. These will form part of the ballot material sent to members.

The results of these elections will be made available to members as soon as practical after the receipt of the scrutineer's report.

4 Counting of ballots

All ballots will be counted by single transferable vote. Some candidates have been nominated to more than one position. Contested elections will be counted in the following order:

- i. Honorary treasurer
- ii. Geographically-elected HE and FE members (Midlands, North West, Scotland, South)
- iii. UK-elected HE and FE members
- iv. Representatives of disabled members;
- v. Representatives of lesbian, gay, bisexual and trans (LGBT+) members;
- vi. Representatives of black members;
- vii. Representatives of casually employed members.

Voting instructions will be included with the ballot material sent to members.

Yours sincerely

Vicky Blake

President and returning officer

Officer and NEC elections 2020-21: Nominations received

Honorary Treasurer (1 seat)

Professor Paul Anderson (Queen Mary University of London)

Stephen Albert Desmond (Solent University)

Dr Steve Sangwine (University of Essex)

Stephen Albert Desmond supported by resolution of a quorate branch general meeting. All other nominations supported by the signatures of at least 20 members.

Geographically-elected members of the National Executive Committee

Midlands HE (3 seats)

Alan Barker (University of Nottingham)

Dr Emma Battell Lowman (University of Leicester)

Gareth Brown (University of Leicester)

Jane Charlesworth (University of Warwick)

Teresa Forde (University of Derby)

Dr Chris Grocott (University of Leicester)

David Harvie (University of Leicester)

Rhiannon Lockley (Birmingham City University)

Nominations supported by the signatures of at least 10 members.

Midlands FE (1 seat)

Dharminder Chuhan (Sandwell College)

John Paul Sullivan (Warwickshire College Group)

John Paul Sullivan supported by resolution of a quorate branch general meeting. All other nominations supported by the signatures of at least 10 members.

North West HE (2 seats)

Sunil Banga (Lancaster University)

Philippa Browning (University of Manchester)

Eric R Lybeck (University of Manchester)

Bijan Parsia (University of Manchester)

Saira Weiner (Liverpool John Moores University)

Julie Wilkinson (Manchester Metropolitan University)

Sunil Banga and Saira Weiner supported by resolution of a quorate branch general meeting. All other nominations supported by the signatures of at least 10 members.

North West FE (1 seat - uncontested)

Helen Kelsall (The Trafford College Group)

Nomination supported by the signatures of at least 10 members.

South HE (4 seats to include at least one woman)

Mark Abel (University of Brighton)

Richard Bradbury (Open University)

Michael Carley (University of Bath)

Stephen Albert Desmond (Solent University)

Dr Deepa Govindarajan Driver (University of Reading) [woman]

Dr David Hitchcock (Canterbury Christchurch University)

Dr Aris Katzourakis (University of Oxford)

Sally Pellow (University of Reading) [woman]

Dr Peter Wood (Open University)

Stephen Albert Desmond supported by resolution of a quorate branch general meeting. All other nominations supported by the signatures of at least 10 members.

South FE (2 seats)

Alison Chapman (City College Plymouth)

Stewart Fraser (New College Swindon)

Philip Wilson (Chichester College Group)

Justin Wynne (East Sussex College Group)

Nominations supported by the signatures of at least 10 members.

Scotland HE – UCU Scotland President and UCU Scotland Honorary Secretary

Nominations close 15 December.

Wales FE (and vice president UCU Wales) (1 seat - uncontested)

John James (Coleg Gwent Newport)

Nomination supported by the signatures of at least 10 members.

UK-elected members HE (4 seats; to include at least one post-92, one academic related)

Sunil Banga (Lancaster University)

Dr Emma Battell Lowman (University of Leicester)

Shereen Benjamin (University of Edinburgh)

Gareth Brown (University of Leicester)

Grant Buttars (University of Edinburgh) [academic related]
Michael Carley (University of Bath)
Nicholas Chancellor (Durham University)
Jane Charlesworth (University of Warwick)
Maria Chondrogianni (University of Westminster) [post-92]
Dr Rohit K Dasgupta (Loughborough University)
Stephen Albert Desmond (Solent University) [post-92]
Andrew Feeney (Northumbria University) [post-92]
Dr Chris Grocott (University of Leicester)
David Harvie (University of Leicester)
Marion Hersh (University of Glasgow)
Dr John Hogan (Anglia Ruskin University) [post-92]
Eric R Lybeck (University of Manchester)
Lesley McGorrigan (University of Leeds) [academic related]
Marian Mayer (Bournemouth University) [post-92]
Michael McKrell (University of Central Lancashire) [post-92]
Dr Chris O'Donnell (University of the West of Scotland) [post-92]
Anthony O'Hanlon (University of Liverpool) [academic related]
Bijan Parsia (University of Manchester)
Sally Pellow (University of Reading) [academic related]
Dr Peter Wood (Open University)

Sunil Banga, Stephen Albert Desmond and Andrew Feeney supported by resolution of a quorate branch general meeting. All other nominations supported by the signatures of at least 10 members.

UK-elected members FE (2 seats)

Jackie D'Arcy (Warwickshire College Group)
Margot Hill (Croydon College)
Saleem Rashid (The Sheffield College)

Jackie D'Arcy supported by resolution of a quorate branch general meeting. All other nominations supported by the signatures of at least 10 members.

Representatives of disabled members (2 seats; one HE member and one FE member to be elected to include at least one woman)

Ballot to elect one HE representative. Seat for FE representative unfilled.

Lucy Burke (Manchester Metropolitan University) (HE)
Jane Charlesworth (University of Warwick) (HE)

Marian Mayer (Bournemouth University) (HE)

Nominations supported by the signatures of at least 10 members.

Representatives of LGBT+ members (2 seats; one HE and one FE member to be elected)

Peter Evans (South Thames College) will be declared elected as the only FE candidate; ballot for one HE representative.

Shereen Benjamin (University of Edinburgh) (HE)

Stephen Albert Desmond (Solent University) (HE)

Peter Evans (South Thames College) (FE)

Bee Hughes (Liverpool John Moores University) (HE)

Mark Pendleton (University of Sheffield) (HE)

Ryan Prout (Cardiff University) (HE)

Stephen Albert Desmond and Bee Hughes supported by resolution of a quorate branch general meeting. All other nominations supported by the signatures of at least 10 members.

Representatives of black members (2 seats; at least one woman to be elected)

Dr Deepa Govindarajan Driver (University of Reading) [woman]

Juliana Ojinnaka (The Sheffield College) [woman]

Dr Victoria Showunmi (UCL) [woman]

Nominations supported by the signatures of at least 10 members.

Representatives of migrant members (2 seats, at least one non-EU member – uncontested)

One seat remains unfilled

Robyn Orfitelli (University of Sheffield) [non-EU]

Nomination supported by the signatures of at least 10 members.

Representatives of casually employed members (2 seats; one HE member and one FE member to be elected)

Cecily Blyther (Petroc) will be declared elected as the only FE candidate; ballot for one HE representative.

Cecily Blyther (Petroc) (FE)

Sam Morecroft (University of Sheffield International College) (HE)

Christina Paine (London Metropolitan University) (HE)

Ben Pope (University of Manchester) (HE)

Cecily Blyther supported by resolution of a quorate branch general meeting. All other nominations supported by the signatures of at least 10 members.

Representative of members in land-based education (1 seat - unfilled)

No nominations received

Representative of members in prison education (1 seat - uncontested)

Brian Hamilton (Novus prison education branch)

Nomination supported by the signatures of at least 10 members.