

BDM (Branch Delegate Meeting) voting results

At a very well attended Branch Delegate Meeting (BDM) on Monday 31 October 2022, delegates from almost every higher education branch in the country voted on the questions that they had put to their members in recent consultation meetings. The results, weighted by size of branch, are:

Question one

Following the successful ballot result, do you support the union giving the employer a time limited period of negotiation to reach a settlement prior to calling strike action?

For: 72%

Against: 21%

Abstain: 7%

Question two

The earliest date we could take strike action is 21st November.

Do you believe we should call strike action in November?

For: 80%

Against: 19%

Abstain: 1%

Question three

Given the previous questions, and in the knowledge that we will be unable to take every university out together for substantial action after the week beginning 21st November until February **do you believe that any action called in November should be limited in scale?**

For: 70%

Against: 22%

Abstain: 8%

Question four

Do you agree that we should initiate a programme of phases of escalating action covering the six month lifetime of the ballot mandate?

For: 87%

Against: 7%

Abstain: 6%

Question five

The use of ASOS (Action Short of a Strike) and especially a Marking and Assessment Boycott are important. There are two main periods when the union could launch a marking and assessment boycott:

- Option one: to impact assessment submitted December onwards
- Option two: to impact final pieces of assessment submitted in the Spring

The calling of any marking and assessment boycott would have to take into consideration local variations in institutional calendars, but given the choice, WOULD YOU PREFER

Option one (December): 54%

Option two (Spring): 45%

Abstain: 1%

Question six

Do you agree that the priority throughout the campaign should be to call strike action that continues to deliver maximum unity and support from all members?

For: 67%

Against: 2%

Abstain: 31%