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RESPONSE TO:

**The Dissolution of Further Education
Corporations (Publication of
Proposals and Prescribed
Bodies)(Wales) Regulations 2014**

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1. The University and College Union (UCU Wales) represents more than 7,000 academics, lecturers, trainers, instructors, researchers, managers, administrators, computer staff, librarians, and postgraduates in universities, colleges, adult education and training organisations across Wales.
2. UCU Wales is a politically autonomous but integral part of UCU, the largest post-school union in the world: a force for educators and education that employers and government cannot ignore.
3. UCU was formed on the 1st June 2006 by the amalgamation of two strong partners – the Association of University Teachers (AUT) and the National Association of Teachers in Further and Higher Education (NATFHE) – who shared a long history of defending and advancing educators’ employment and professional interests.
4. We welcome the opportunity to respond to the consultation on The Dissolution of Further Education Corporations (Publication of Proposals and Prescribed Bodies)(Wales) Regulations 2014

Question 1 – Do you agree with the proposals in regulation 3 and Schedule 1 to the regulations relating to the process a further education corporation must follow in order to dissolve itself?

Agree	x <input type="checkbox"/>	Disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>	Neither agree nor disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Supporting comments

4 months for formal consultation should be sufficient for these purposes as long as employment legislation in relation to redundancy is followed.
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Question 2 – Do you agree with our proposals relating to the consultation process in regulation 4 that must be followed before a further education corporation decides to dissolve itself?

Agree	<input type="checkbox"/>	Disagree	x <input type="checkbox"/>	Neither agree nor disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Supporting comments

Recognised trade unions should be a part of the list as it is their members who will be most affected by any such proposal and it is astonishing that all and sundry are included but not the representative bodies for employees.

Only allowing a consultation period of one month, may disadvantage some members of lecturing staff, if this period should fall during the four week period allowed for annual leave, during the summer.

Question 3 – Do you consider that the list of ‘prescribed’ bodies in Schedule 2 to the regulations to which property, rights and liabilities may be transferred upon dissolution, is complete?

Agree	x <input type="checkbox"/>	Disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>	Neither agree nor disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Supporting comments

The public funding of these institutions must be protected and we believe that there is a need to insert ‘Welsh’ in front of the 6 bodies listed

Question 4 – We have asked a number of specific questions. If you have any related issues which we have not specifically addressed, please use this space to report them.

Responses to consultations are likely to be made public, on the internet or in a report. If you would prefer your response to remain anonymous, please tick here: