

MINUTES

General Meeting

Tuesday, 14 March 2023

Online – Zoom

12noon – 1.30pm

Chair: Richard Reeve

Minutes: Lina Nass

1. Minutes from last meeting (8 February 2023)

Minutes were accepted.

2. Matters Arising

The rule changes, that were proposed at the 2022 AGM, and remitted to Committee, have been submitted to UCU national, but so far they have only replied to one rule change, Branch Officers are chasing this up.

3. UCU Congress motions

Motions 1 (Research Funder motion), motion 2 (Climate Justice and the Right to Peaceful Protest) and motion 3 (The UCU should lobby research councils, in particular UKRI, regards the reasons for taking Industrial action) all passed. There was a debate about whether some motions should rather be submitted to HESC rather than Congress. After the meeting, advise was sought from UCU national, and motion 2 was submitted to UCU Congress.

4. UCU Higher Education Sector Conference motion

Motion 4 (Grade inflation and discrimination in promotion) and motion 5 (Joint union membership) passed. A vote was then taken to decide which two motions to send to HESC. This vote included motion 1 and 3. It was decided that UCU Glasgow will send motions 1 and 3 to UCU HESC.

5. Local motions

Motion 6 (End UofG investment in arms companies), motion 7 (How We Fight How We Win rank and file trade union conference) and motion 8 (Local motion on promotion) passed.

6. Local dispute – update

Promotion changes were reversed after UCU Glasgow issued a failure to agree notification on the matter. However, Officers expect similar changes to be brought forward again in the future.

7. Subcommittees

Maureen McBride updated the meeting on subcommittees and encouraged members who are interested to join. Currently, there are the following Subcommittees and working groups: Anti-Casualisation, Environmental, Industrial Action, Sexual Harassment, Equalities, Health & Safety, Membership & Recruitment, MPA and Technical Staff, and Promotions. Please contact ucug@glasgow.ac.uk if you are interested in joining.

8. National dispute – update

Strike action will take place from 15 March – 22 March 2023. Industrial Action Subcommittee has organised different events and activities, which will be circulated via email.