UCU Glasgow General Meeting

30 April 2026

12.30 – 2pm

MINUTES

Chair: Duncan Lowther

1. Welcome & Introductions

Duncan Lowther welcomed members to the meeting. The meeting was not quorate, but it was decided to proceed as far as possible with the business of the meeting.

2. Officer updates

Maha Rafi Atal updated on the live dispute about the professorial rezoning. Bilateral meetings are ongoing, but there has been no significant movement since the last General Meeting. UCU Glasgow, with support from UCU Scotland, submitted a grievance and an initial meeting to discuss the process on how it will be heard took place earlier this week. UCU Glasgow is still waiting to be sent a draft of the new promotion policy that the University is working on - it has been promised on multiple occasions but has still not been provided .

Maha also updated that a Court working group has been established who will look into the potential of the University of Glasgow divesting from Israeli arms companies. This follows a motion passed by the UCU Glasgow branch last year.

Marion Hersh will circulate a written update. Duncan Lowther reported that UCU will meet with the University to discuss Project Compass.

Brian Smith, a member of the Finance Working Group, reported that the group has obtained expert advice from Andrew McGettigan, an accountant specialising in HE finances. He wrote a report based on the latest financial data the University published and concluded that the University is in a fairly good financial position. The working group will write some blog posts on this topic and has briefed election Court members on our interpretation of the University's financial position.

3. Minutes of previous meeting 25 March 2026

Meeting not quorate.

4. UK Congress amendments and late motions

Late/emergency Congress motion on Israeli death penalty. Marion Hersh proposed this motion, Nicky Reeves seconded. Less than two-thirds of members voted in favour of remitting this motion to Committee, therefore this motion fell.

Amendment to Congress motion ED5 VPN. Marion Hersh proposed this amendment, Nicky Reeves seconded. Less than two-thirds of members voted in favour of remitting this amendment to Committee, therefore this amendment fell.

5. Local Motion

Local motion was not heard as the meeting was not quorate.

6. AGM (3 June 2026) roles/nominations

The calling notice for the AGM will be sent out to members shortly. Maha encouraged members to put themselves forward for Committee positions. Facilities time and job sharing is available, and members who are interested can reach out to anyone on the Committee to find out more about the positions and responsibilities.

7. AOB

n/a

The meeting ended at 12.25.