

Motion calling for a Higher Education Sector Conference

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This UCU branch notes:

The support and energy of our membership during the course of the fourteen days of strike action in defence of our pensions.

The branch delegates meeting (held on the 28th March at UCU HQ, London) on the USS dispute where last-minute evidence was tabled, on which delegates had no opportunity to consult their members;

That at the conclusion of the branch delegates meeting no vote was taken on what was clearly the crucial issue the Higher Education Committee (HEC) were going to decide on afterwards - whether to send the UUK offer as it stands to a ballot or not;

The HEC meeting decided by a narrow majority of 10-8 to ballot members on a proposal from UUK whose wording was not the outcome of a formal negotiating process between the properly constituted UCU negotiating group on USS and UUK.

This UCU branch believes:

There needs to be a nation-wide conversation to address these concerns.

This UCU branch resolves:

To call for a Special Meeting of UCU Higher Education Sector Conference to discuss the USS dispute under Rule 16.11.* If possible this Special Meeting would be held immediately prior to or following Congress.

To support the UK wide activist meeting called by UCU London Region on Saturday 28th April (<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/ucu-in-transformation-uk-wide-activists-assembly-and-organising-school-tickets-44454577839>) and local activist-led meetings