

MINUTES OF THE UCL UCU EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING HELD ON 10th MARCH 2026

This General Meeting was held online via Zoom.

The meeting was chaired by Saladin Meckled-Garcia, Vice-President of UCL UCU.

1. Chair's business

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting that had been called to decide which motions the branch would submit to [Congress 2026](#). Congress is the annual general meeting and principal democratic body of the UCU to which UCL UCU can send up to 9 delegates. An open call for Branch Delegates to attend either online or in person at the Harrogate Convention Centre from Wednesday 27 May - Friday 29 May 2026 was made. Travel and accommodation is provided for anyone attending in person. Expressions of interest should be emailed to ucu@ucl.ac.uk.

There were no objections to the proposal to reduce speaking time to 3 minutes per proposer and 2 minutes for others, in order to cover all of the business.

The Chair explained that only one motion could be submitted to Congress, and two to HE Sector Conference. In the event that both Congress motions are carried, a vote will be held to decide which to submit.

Student members were reminded that their attendance was in a non-voting capacity, however, those on Standard Free (PGTA) and Postgraduate Researcher memberships were able to fully participate in the meeting.

2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

There were no objections to the previously circulated minutes of the previous meeting being agreed.

3. Congress Motions

3.1 Motion 1 - Resisting Earned Settlement Proposals

In the absence of Holly Smith who proposed the motion, Motion 1 was moved by Danielle Lamb and formally seconded by Sean Wallis. In the absence of Richard Sheldrake who proposed Amendment 1 to Motion 1, Amendment 1 was moved by Sean Wallis and seconded by John Greenwood. Amendment 1 was LOST (12 for, 15 against). Motion 1 unamended was CARRIED (24 for, 1 against, 2 abstain).

3.2 Motion 2 - No to imperialist war against Iran

Motion 2 was moved by Ilektra Christidi and seconded by Saladin Meckled-Garcia. Danielle Lamb took over the Chair temporarily whilst Amendment 2 was moved by Saladin Meckled-Garcia, who then regained the Chair. The Chair accepted that one amendment submitted after the deadline could be put from the floor. Hugh Goodacre moved Amendment 3 to Motion 2. Amendment 2 was CARRIED (18 for, 7 against). Amendment 3 was CARRIED (15 for, 11 against). Motion 2 as amended was CARRIED (24 for,

2 against, 3 abstain).

4. Motions for Higher Education Sector Conference

4.1 Motion 3 - Defend USS Benefits from Conditional Indexation

Motion 3 was moved by Sean Wallis and formally seconded by Danielle Lamb. Motion 3 was CARRIED (22 for, 0 against, 1 abstain).

4.2 Motion 4 - For a serious political campaign to defend HE

Motion 4 was moved by Sean Wallis and seconded by Benet Salway. Motion 4 was CARRIED (22 for, 0 against, 1 abstain).

5. Congress Motion Ranking

A poll to determine which of the two Congress motions would be submitted to Congress was held. The results confirmed that Motion 1: Resisting Earned Settlement Proposals would be submitted to Congress by UCL UCU (14 voted for Motion 1, 9 voted for Motion 2).

6. Co-opting a new member to the UCL UCU Executive Committee

Amit Khandelwal was formally co-opted to the Committee (15 for, 0 against, 2 abstain). The Chair congratulated Amit on his new position as Ordinary EC member.

The Chair thanked everyone for attending.

Meeting closed 14:03.