

MINUTES OF THE UCL UCU EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING HELD ON 30th APRIL 2026

This General Meeting was held online via Zoom.
The meeting was chaired by Holly Smith, President of UCL UCU.

1. Chair's business

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Congress 2026 Delegates: Four members volunteered to represent UCL UCU at Congress 2026 from Wednesday 27 May - Friday 29 May 2026 either online via zoom or in person at the Harrogate Convention Centre. The Chair noted this was less than the UCL entitlement to 9 delegates. The volunteers were: Nalini Vittal, Danielle Lamb, Bella Vivat and Alex Mabanta. The delegates were formally elected at the meeting [26 for, 0 against, 2 abstain]. The Chair thanked the delegates for volunteering.

Standing Orders: Due to the number of motions submitted, the Chair proposed to reduce speaking time from 5 minutes to 3 minutes for movers of motions and from 3 minutes to 2 minutes for all other speakers. There were no objections to this proposal.

2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

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

3. Congress Amendments

3.1 Amendment 1 to Congress Motion ED1

Amendment 1 was moved by Sean Wallis and formally seconded by Jason Davies. Amendment 1 was CARRIED (35 for, 1 against).

3.2 Amendment 2 to HESC Motion HE11

Amendment 2 was moved by Sean Wallis and formally seconded by Bob Blizard. A proposal to take the amendment in two parts was accepted by the Chair. Part 1 relating to the 'believes' amendments was CARRIED (32 for, 1 against). Part 2 relating to the 'resolves' amendment was CARRIED (31 for, 1 against).

4. Local Motions

Motions 1 - 3 were debated together. The Chair confirmed that the branch had sufficient funds to support all three branches.

4.1 Motion 1: Solidarity with Goldsmiths UCU

Motion 1 was moved by Sean Wallis and formally seconded by Jason Davies. Joe Newman, from Goldsmiths UCU, spoke for three minutes about their ongoing dispute. Motion 1 was CARRIED (42 for, 0 against, 2 abstain).

4.2 Motion 2 - Solidarity with Edinburgh University UCU

Motion 2 was moved by Sean Wallis and formally seconded by William Booth. Motion 2 was CARRIED (39 for, 0 against, 1 abstain).

4.3 Motion 3 - Further Solidarity with London Metropolitan University UCU

Motion 3 was moved by Sean Wallis and formally seconded by Rozz Evans. Sally Mould, from London Met UCU, spoke for three minutes about the ongoing dispute at London Met. Motion 3 was CARRIED (40 for, 0 against, 2 abstain).

The Chair thanked both speakers for attending and offered solidarity with their respective disputes.

4.4 Motion 4 - Rent Controls Now! The housing crisis is a trade union issue

In the absence of Georgia Mantle who proposed the motion, Motion 4 was moved by Sean Wallis and formally second by Jonny Jones. Motion 4 was CARRIED (36 for, 2 against, 1 abstain).

4.5 Motion 5 - Motion in support of the Awami Action Committee (AAC) campaign against repression in Pakistan

Motion 5 was moved by Katya Turchin and seconded by Paula Richter. Motion 5 was CARRIED (35 for, 0 against, 8 abstain). The mover of the motion was asked to liaise with the UCL UCU Executive Committee via email on the practicalities.

4.6 Motion 6 - Motion against UCL's surveillance of students and staff

Due to a lack of time, Motion 6 was deferred to the next Branch Meeting taking place on Tuesday 12th May 2026.

The Chair thanked everyone for attending.

Meeting closed 14:00