

MINUTES OF THE UCL UCU GENERAL MEETING HELD ON 12th MAY 2026

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

1. Chair's business

The Chair welcomed everybody to the last scheduled General Meeting of the year. Members were informed that the hybrid Annual General Meeting will be held at 13.00-14.30 on Thursday 25th June. Lunch will be provided for those attending in person and a branch social is being organised for the evening. A calling notice will shortly be issued inviting members to step up and join the Executive Committee in 2026/27. The current Branch President and Branch Secretary would be delighted to discuss this in more detail either online or in-person, so please [get in touch](#) if you are interested.

2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

No issues were raised with the minutes of the previous meeting published on the website [<https://ucl-ucu.org.uk/meetings/>] and circulated via email. The draft minutes were therefore confirmed.

3. Motion against UCL's surveillance of students and staff

The motion was moved by Katya Turchin and formally seconded by Jamie Bradshaw. The Chair accepted two amendments from the floor that were proposed by Rachel Wilde and Katya Turchin in the interests of accuracy. The amendments were CARRIED (46 for, 0 against). The motion as amended was CARRIED (46 for, 0 against, 2 abstain).

4. MyAppraisal Dispute Update

An update on the MyAppraisal dispute was given by the Branch Secretary. The Chief People Officer has confirmed in writing to UCU on 11 May that the [paper appraisal forms](#) can still be used and recorded in MyHR without any detriment to progression points. Colleagues who are interested in joining the campaign should email ucu@ucl.ac.uk to get involved.

5. EASE Dispute Update

Jenny McArthur, UCU Rep in Science, Technology, Engineering and Public Policy (STeAPP) and member of the [EASE Action Group](#), provided an update on the EASE dispute. A recent joint union meeting attracted over 150 attendees and affected colleagues shared compelling accounts. Several testimonials have been published on the [campaign website](#) and the next steps will be building an evidence base in a more structured way. Anyone interested in joining the campaign can [sign up here](#). Mark Newman, UCU Rep at IOE and Executive Committee member highlighted the IOE EASE Accountability Framework (AF) document which had been shared with members. As the AF document has workload implications for academic staff, it should be shared widely.

The Chair thanked everyone for attending, and reminded members that the AGM will be held on Thursday 25th June.

Meeting closed.