

# **UCU London Retired Members 1<sup>st</sup> February 2017 2pm**

**Apologies:** Lesley, Geraldine, Cherry, Paul, Ross, Graham, Norman, Janet, Neil, Frank, David, Richard, Ian, Maggie, Deborah.

## **Minutes and Matters Arising**

*Access to Teachers Pension Scheme*

*Motion to Retired Members meeting at congress*

*UCU Retired Members Annual Meeting*

*All resolutions passed.*

*HS2 motion passed at Regional meeting*

## **AGM**

Elections for Chair - Merilyn, Secretary - Steve and Treasurer - Geoff, NPC - Janet and Meg, Vice Chair - Jan London Region - Chris and Maggie.

Thanks to Jan for last 10 year's work.

## **Motion to Annual Conference and election of delegates**

Delegation to be decided at next meeting. Secretary to call meeting in time. Delegation to have gender balance

*We recognise that the motion on Climate Change at this year's TUC makes progress towards the resolution at UCU Congress 2017. However, we regret that there is no mention of opposition to fracking or airport expansion. We therefore call upon the UCU NEC to continue to campaign within the trade union movement in support of all the demands raised in our 2017 resolution.*

- *Energy democracy and rapid transition from fossil fuels*
- *Stop airport expansion*
- *No fracking*
- *Promotion of alternatives to short-haul flights, including publicly owned rail in UK and Europe*
- *A genuine commitment to reducing lethal air pollutants*
- *A just transition employment strategy to climate jobs and well-paid, skilled, sustainable employment*
- *Improved links between anti-war, refugee and climate campaign movements*
- *Action against trade treaties threatening climate justice*
- *A Climate Justice Fund funded by wealthy nations and polluting companies.*

## **Bahrain - Dave**

Sign early day motion.

Circulate to NUT

## **Stand up to Racism Trade Union Conference - February 10<sup>th</sup>**

+ March 18th Anti-Racism day march.

**NHS IN CRISIS – FIX IT NOW** March and Demonstration 12pm, Saturday 3 February.  
Meet at 12:40.

**Campaign Against Climate Change TU conference** March 10 “Jobs and Climate: Planning for a future which doesn't cost the earth” - need to circulate start time

**Haringey Development Vehicle campaign** - 7 FEBRUARY Ducketts Common 5.30 Civic Centre 7pm

### **UCU Consultation of Retired Members**

Endorse Secretary's statement

1. *"Should the current option for retired members of either membership of a retired members' branch or retention of local branch membership be retained?" - Having compared the UCU arrangement to those in other trade unions, particularly UNISON and the NEU, we feel that our current system provides the best arrangement for both retired and working members.*

2. *"Would you support the creation of a single UCU retired members' group or association (similar to the Unison model)?" The chances for active involvement in the retired section of UNISON are considerably less than in UCU.*

*UCU retired members branches are largely self-organising and do not require the involvement of full-time officials who quite rightly can then concentrate on representing working members.*

*We are therefore not in favour of single UCU retired members' group.*

3. *"Should retired members retain their current rights to vote in all UCU elections and to stand for local and regional office?" We should be full members of the union with full rights to vote for national officers, but that we should not be able to stand for any office where decisions are taken on trade matters. Given that we no longer work in Higher, Further or Adult education, these trade specific members of the NEC are not our concern. Equally, who we select as chair of the retired members section is no concern of working members. However, as full members of the union, we should be entitled to vote for national officers such as General Secretary as well as the various equality committees as we can suffer discrimination based on gender, ethnicity, orientation, age etc. in the same way as working members.*

### **Save Kensington and Chelsea College**

Motion of support .

### **OAB**

Strike action on OSS. Motion of support. Support picket lines.

**Speaker** - Bernard Regan who introduced his new book [\*The Balfour Declaration: Empire, the Mandate and Resistance in Palestine\*](#)