

UCU London Retired Members 9th April 2017 2pm

Agenda

Apologies

Ed, John, Paul, Cherry, Demetrios, Janet, Meg, Richard, Ronald, Norman, Neil, Gareth, Frank, Richard, Ian, Kate, Greg, Pete

Minutes and Matters Arising

date on minutes wrong, Maggie was present

USS dispute - report from NEC.

USS investment in 3rd London Airport at Heathrow

This branch calls upon the UCU NEC to insist that USS disinvests from any company investing in or in any way involved in the Heathrow 3rd runway as a matter of urgency. We believe that such investment is not a safe place to invest our members money and call upon the UCU Action Committee to formulate a long term campaign to secure such disinvestment.

Carried

Amendment to Annual Conference

Amendment to EQ4

new point 7 - As part of the growing racist atmosphere, the recent increase in deportations.

new point iv - Support and encourage initiatives which oppose the growing pattern of deportations both at a local and national level, working where possible with other trade unions and the TUC.

Motion for UCU London Region Committee.

As part of the growing racist atmosphere, we note the recent increase in deportations, particularly of retired people from the Caribbean. We shall support and encourage campaigns against deportations both at a local and national level, working where possible with other trade unions trades councils and the TUC. We welcome the initiative from Caribbean Labour Solidarity to initiate such a campaign in London.

Carried

Motion to Retired Members meeting at congress

Pension inequality -

This branch deplores the gender gap in pensions between male and female retired university and college staff and calls upon UCU to review this situation so that years taken in order to care for dependants shall be counted towards a pension.

Carried

Election of delegates

Maggie and Geoff

Campaign Against Climate Change TU conference - Report

Videos available

To inform the Greener Job Alliance of this resolution

This branch endorses the "Joint Statement on Just Transition in the UK", in particular the reference to the need to "transform key sectors, through publicly and community owned energy supply, transport infrastructure, investing in energy efficiency and sustainable heating in our homes and in industry".

We believe that if global temperature rises are to be kept below 1.5 degrees, it will be necessary to organise a militant grass-roots campaign to fight for our union's policies of

- *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.*
- *Landscape re-greening*
- *Against unsustainable bio-fuels*
- *For state-funded retraining to enable a just transition for those workers moving from polluting industries.*

Gaza - Officers' action - Banner on demonstration - endorsed.

later Petition: To impose an immediate two-way arms embargo between the UK and Israel <https://petition.parliament.uk/petitions/216561>

David Rosenberg - letter sent - write to NUJ:

We call on the National Union of Journalists to remind its members of the fine principles in its code of conduct and in particular the first four:

"A journalist:

- 1. At all times upholds and defends the principle of media freedom, the right of freedom of expression and the right of the public to be informed.*
- 2. Strives to ensure that information disseminated is honestly conveyed, accurate and fair.*
- 3. Does her/his utmost to correct harmful inaccuracies.*
- 4. Differentiates between fact and opinion."*

Save Kensington and Chelsea College

Seek report back from London region

NPC - Our motion on ESOL and the older immigrant - next step

Pensioners Parliament - Meg delegate 100 pounds not spent last year.

Open University - Job cuts and No-Confidence

Write to MP

Support and deplore - No Robots teaching robots.

Treason project - invitation

AOB

- Threat to TUPE
- TUC conference on Care - what will happen to carers.
- Redundancies in Higher Education - 80 at Greenwich - not following legislation.
- RMT two years of campaign on train. April 25th demonstration.
- NHS 30th June big March - problems structured into Health and Social Care Act.

Minutes of 1st February 2018 2pm

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

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Bahrain - Dave

Sign early day motion.
Circulate to NUT

Stand up to Racism Trade Union Conference - February 10th
+ 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

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*](#)