UCU Strike Solidarity (expenditure request)

What we will do:

1. Set aside £1,500 for practical strike solidarity by students such as printing flyers, making badges, banners, t-shirts, running events, teach-outs and workshops, sponsored posts on Facebook, and distributing refreshments to picket lines.

Background to this:

1. A motion in support of the UCU strike passed overwhelmingly at the last Student Council in February 2018
2. There is over £3,000 of unallocated funds which remains at the disposal of Student Council to support worthy campaigns and causes
3. The strike has broad and popular student support, including from EUSA, and has inspired occupations around the country.

Beliefs and motivating actions:

1. Student solidarity would be much more effective if we had a fund to draw upon
2. Our staff deserve a decent retirement, and that their working conditions are our learning conditions
3. It isn’t a good precedent to continually leave Student Council funds unspent each year as it could be used as a pretext to reduce the budget in future
4. It is in the interests of students that the strikers win their demands, and that we should help them win the strike decisively

Submitted with 20 Student signatures.