

Emergency Student Council

Friday 15th November 2019, 1:30-2:30pm, Venue TBC

AGENDA

1. Welcome
2. Motion: Support the University Staff in their Industrial Action – Vivek Santayana
Paper A
3. Expenditure request: To fund materials for supporting University staff in industrial action – Association Executive
Paper B

Paper A: Motion: Support the University Staff in their Industrial Action – Vivek Santayana

What we will do:

1. Support the University staff and the University and College Union in their industrial action with the University during their strike action between 25 November and 4 December, and in their action short of strike thereafter
2. The Sabbatical Officers will issue a joint statement with the Edinburgh branch of UCU in solidarity with striking staff
3. The Sabbatical Officers will coordinate with the UCU Committee in spreading awareness about the reasons for the strike, and build solidarity between staff and students

Background to this:

1. The Edinburgh branch of the University Colleges Union has balloted overwhelmingly in favour of strike action
2. The strike was called for matters relating to diminishing pensions, a median gender wage gap amongst staff, exploitative workloads, and precarious employment of staff members.
3. Student Council passed a motion to support the UCU's anti-casualisation campaign on 25 October 2018
4. NUS has released a joint statement with the UCU in support of the strike, expressing concern regarding the impact on teaching staff because of rising pension contributions, falling benefits and pay, increased casualisation, and work overload

Beliefs and motivating actions:

1. Staff working conditions are our learning conditions
2. The University management's commitment to providing good “student experience” cannot be sustained without fair treatment of staff

3. the University's policies around workload, pay, pensions, and working conditions for staff has adversely affected the standard of our education

Submitted with 20 Student Signatures.

Paper B: Expenditure Request: Fund Materials for Supporting University Staff in Industrial Action – Association Executive

Amount of Funding:

£750

Background to this:

1. UCU members at the University of Edinburgh will be taking strike action between November 25th and December 4th
2. If the motion “Support the University Staff in their Industrial Action” passes, the Students’ Association will require resources to facilitate building awareness and solidarity between students and staff
3. In previous years, the Students’ Association have supported striking staff by:
 - a. Providing practical support to staff on picket-lines, including hot drinks
 - b. Organising educational and social events
 - c. Supporting student-led solidarity activity
4. Funding may also be required to produce promotional materials including posters, flyers, and badges
5. Any funding not used by December 20th will be returned to the Student Council budget for semester two

Submitted by Association Executive.