

Amendment to Motion 7B: Motion to support Fair & Equal Pay

Explanatory statement

This amendment upholds the right of CUSU to support staff strikes. It prevents CUSU from endorsing or funding picket lines, and ensures that intimidation experienced by students attending lectures, seminars or other university-organised activity still in operation on strike days is roundly condemned.

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Amendment

After “CUSU notes:”

Insert a new point 12: “During the last round of strikes, the welfare support provided to students was inadequate with many students raising welfare concerns and suffering undue stress or academic disadvantage due to lost contact hours;”

Insert a new point 13: “Behaviour during the last round of strikes between those on picket lines and students going about their daily business was occasionally threatening, with students being called ‘scabs’, shouted at and physically intimidated from entering lecture sites;”

After “CUSU believes:”

Insert new point 6: “CUSU exists to safeguard the interests of its members, and therefore students should have the freedom of conviction to either attend, or choose not to attend, lectures, seminars or other university-organised activity still in operation on strike days.”

After “CUSU resolves:”

Delete point 7c

Insert new point 7c: “To remain neutral about whether or not staff or students are justified in picketing outside lecture sites;”

Under point 7e, delete: “organising and funding picket line support and supporting actions UCU decide to take during the strike;”

Insert new point 7f: “To use social media channels to publicly condemn any form of intimidation or harassment experienced by students attending lectures, seminars or other university-organised activity still in operation on strike days, and to allocate space on any pro-strike literature it produces for the same purpose.”