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Motion Title: UCU Strike Solidarity

Motion Resolves:

This Motion instructs the Student Union Officers to make the point clear in meetings with the University that the Union fully supports UCU strike action, and that blame for the strikes lies solely with University bosses across the UK, not striking workers;

Instructs the Student Union Officers to set up a meeting with Stirling UCU leadership to discuss how best the Union can support the UCU;

Instructs the Student Union Officers to send a mass email to students prior to strike action, setting out that:

1. The Student Union supports the action as lecturers' pay, conditions, and pensions are under attack
2. That workers who strike are not being paid on days they are on strike
3. Encourages students (except those on Tier 4 Visas for whom attendance is mandatory) not to attend any classes on days where strike action is taking place

Motion Notes:

That workers represented by the UCU have had their pay, working conditions, and pensions unfairly attacked by their employer.

University lecturers and administrative staff have received a below inflation pay offer - at a time in which all of us are suffering in a cost of living crisis.

Their conditions are under attack, with increasing numbers of workers - particularly women, BAME, and disabled workers, are given insecure and/or zero hour contracts, forcing many to take up second jobs or work at multiple institutions

That these attacks on our teachers' conditions are detrimental to students as well as staff - all of us are suffering under a marketised education system

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That students are often misdirected to biased information on industrial action disseminated by the university vice chancellor rather than hearing the reasons for the action from the UCU itself.

Motion Believes:

That it is beneficial to all students and staff if the UCU win in their dispute;

That greater links between students and the UCU will help create a University which is supportive of all of us, and will help in the fight against a corporate system of education which treats students purely as consumers;

That the student movement can and should be a powerful ally to the trade union movement;

That providing students with information from the UCU about the strike will improve overall education, counteract disinformation from University Management, and further the aims of the UCU.