

Branch meeting 15th April 2018

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After yesterday's resounding rejection of the inadequate offer from the employers, we are still on strike. Pickets from 0800 at the three campus entrances, and at the Virgil Building. There are two days of strike action left before Easter, so please come out to show management we're here and strengthen our national position.

* Message from the General Secretary

You will by now have received a message from the General Secretary, Sally Hunt, explaining and contextualizing the events of the last forty eight hours after the employers' offer was published. This gives some background on what happened and should help explain why things went as they did.

* Motion passed at today's meeting

That said, there are clearly concerns about the way the national office dealt with the offer and communications with members. At today's branch meeting, the following motion was passed, and has been sent on to the national office.

1. Today's branch meeting of Bath UCU supports the position put forward by Imperial College as an employer that there should be no change to USS current arrangements before an independent review of valuation methodology has been carried out.

Before any proposed changes are made to USS in the future, there should be a transparent and democratic consultation with UCU members.

2. With regard to the current dispute we wish all future communications with members to give a clear statement of the implications with respect to the initial negotiating position of UCU and UUK. These should be timely enough to allow a proper discussion and response from branches to HEC.

* Response to management questions next week

When you return to work next week, you may come under pressure from your managers or colleagues. If you do, contact your branch representative in the department or through the committee. We have a set of responses which we can employ to make sure managers and others behave themselves.

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'To tell the truth, let us be honest at least, it is some considerable

time since I last knew what I was talking about.' management questions next week

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