

**Policy name: UCU Industrial Action**

***Student Council notes:*** Further strike action at this point will negatively affect our members.

Students will be unable to attend classes normally and will see a serious disruption to an educational journey that for many has already been interrupted by a pandemic.

***Student Council believes:***

We support and acknowledge the rights of all unions to exert industrial action when they feel it is necessary. We also appreciate the tremendous role that the educators across UU carry out to support the academic and wider student experience.

However, many of our members have already experienced disruption to their education due to the strikes in 2019, coupled with 18 months of online learning more recently. Further disruption at this point would not only be detrimental to the overall quality of education they are receiving but would also cause many students to question the value for money of their university experience.

We cannot therefore in good conscience support this action by UCU when it would be detrimental to our members. We feel that the current situation would be better served by further negotiation, rather than making decisions that cause students to suffer.

***Student Council resolves that:***

Ulster University Students' Union (UUSU) should not support any potential upcoming strike action by UCU.

UUSU should encourage further discussion on this issue between the representative negotiating bodies which would allow students to continue their studies uninterrupted.

**Name of Proposer:** UUSU Student Executive

**Name of Seconder:** Andrea Murray Lopez