

THE UNIVERSITY AND COLLEGE UNION AT DURHAM

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of DUCU held at 1 p.m. on 20th June 2018

Present: The President, Kay Schiller (in the Chair) and 53 members.

1. Minutes of Annual General Meeting 2017

The minutes of the last Annual General Meeting held on 23rd June and 7th July 2017 were taken as read.

2. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising

3. President's Report

Kay Schiller, President, gave the President's Annual Report. Members thanked the President for a very comprehensive report.

4. Vice-President's Report

Marek Szablewski, Vice-President, gave a report on current case-work and other general matters affecting DUCU.

5. Treasurer's Report

Peter Craig, Hon. Treasurer, presented the accounts for 2016-17 which were approved.

6. Motions for Debate

(a) The Hon. Secretary proposed a motion on casual contracts which was passed unanimously. The meeting resolved: (i) to ask UCU's Regional Office to organise a session for those interested in pursuing this matter at the start of the Michaelmas Term; (ii) to continue to pursue the issues affecting those on casual contracts with the University and (iii) to provide a report back on progress in twelve months time.

(b) Sarah Elton proposed a motion on all-member meetings which was passed unanimously. It was resolved to hold a minimum of three open all-members meetings including the AGM per year. It was also agreed to consider items for discussion at Congress and, if appropriate, mandate representatives to Congress on their votes.

(c) Siobhan McGrath proposed a motion on the recent events at Congress which was passed with two abstentions. It was resolved (i) that Durham UCU would express its concern to the NEC that Congress was prevented from discussing several motions and that avenues to continue the discussion were not fully explored; (ii) to mandate delegates to vote in favour of discussing the relevant motions when they are re-tabled at the "Recall Congress". (iii) to endorse the [#OurUCU](#) statement.

(d) David Byrne proposed a motion of no confidence in the General Secretary, which was withdrawn after some discussion.

7. Election of President for 2018-20

Sarah Elton, proposed by Kay Schiller and seconded by Siobhan McGrath, was elected

8. Election of Hon. Treasurer for 2018-20

Peter Craig, proposed by Francis Pritchard and seconded by Marek Szablewski, was elected

9. Election of Equalities Officer for 2018-20

Adriana Salazar, proposed by Nayanika Mookherjee and seconded by Mike Costello, was elected. [It was subsequently discovered that Ms Salazar was ineligible, and the election was therefore void ab initio.]

10. Election of 10 Ordinary Members of the Committee for 2018-19

The following were elected:

Laura Campbell, proposed by Marek Szablewski and seconded by Annalisa Cipollone
Mike Costello, proposed by Francis Pritchard and seconded by Marek Szablewski
Karen Jones, proposed by Marek Szablewski and seconded by Rosie Ridgeway
Lewis Mackenzie, proposed by Francis Pritchard and seconded by Tim Packer
Siobhan McGrath, proposed by Sarah Elton and seconded by Andrew Baldwin
Tim Packer, proposed by Francis Pritchard and seconded by Lewis Mackenzie
Pippa Petts, proposed by Marek Szablewski and seconded by Francis Pritchard
Susan Pyner, proposed by Francis Pritchard and seconded by Marek Szablewski
Thomas Renström, proposed by Laura Marsiliani and seconded by Francis Pritchard
Chris Saunter, proposed by Francis Pritchard and seconded by Marek Szablewski

11. Election of Honorary Auditor

David Flower proposed by Kay Schiller and seconded by Francis Pritchard was elected. The Hon. Secretary on behalf of DUCU thanked David Flower for his work in the previous year.

12. Representatives to the UCU Congress for 2019-20

The President and Hon. Secretary would represent DUCU at Congress in 2019-20. No nomination was received for the third representative.

13. Any Other Business

It was agreed that one member of the Committee would represent international members. [Thomas Renström agreed to undertake this role.]

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June 20th 2018