

Students Supporting Strikes Should Not Be Disciplined

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Union Notes:

- 1) That the University have done their utmost to make it clear to staff that they are unhappy with the Strike Action by UCU;
- 2) That further strikes are likely, given the job losses and wider cuts expected at UEA;
- 3) That UUEAS has a policy of supporting these strikes;
- 4) That students may be disciplined for refusing to cross picket lines, particularly those in schools with mandatory attendance;
- 5) That for a Senate Student Discipline Committee meeting in Mode A, one UG and one PG representative is part of the quorum.

Union Believes:

- 1) That it would be wrong for student representatives to be complicit in disciplining other students who have refused to cross a picket line, given the Union's position;
- 2) That the Union's Representatives should not be expected to attend such a meeting of the SSDC;
- 3) That where Rep's have refused to attend, the Union should not seek to find alternative representatives who will attend.

Union Resolves:

- 1) To support any student who is disciplined for refusing to attend Learning and Teaching where doing so would mean crossing a picket line;
- 2) To support the will of the SSDC Representatives not to sit on any case that involves non-attendance due to a strike;
- 3) Not to appoint representatives to replace those who refuse to attend SSDC cases of non-attendance due to a strike;
- 4) To mandate SOC to write to the University making them aware of this position.

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