

# JOINT CONSULTATIVE NEGOTIATING COMMITTEE

## Monday 13<sup>th</sup> June 2022 Microsoft Teams Meeting

## **MINUTES SUMMARY**

#### **Present:**

Fiona Ryland (FR) Donna Dalrymple (DD) Rebecca Edwards (RE) Audrey Fenwick (AF) Charles Marson (CM) Brandon Scott Anthony Smith Laura Tomson

#### UNISON:

Jo Tapper (JT)

#### UNITE:

David Ladd (DL) Andy Murray (AM) Richard Newton (RN)

## UCU:

Sean Wallis (SW) Tony Brown (TB) Andy Young (AY) President Secretary UCU Regional Officer

## Apologies

Lorren Rea (LR) Sam Ferman (SF) Jacqueline Sheehan (JS)

Head of Employment Policy Area Organiser Joint Branch Secretary

Vice President (Operations) (Chair) Interim Chief People Officer Director of Employee Relations Senior Management Accountant Professor of Organic Chemistry HR Employment Policy Administrator (note-taker) Vice Provost of Faculty HR Employment Policy Manager

Joint Branch Secretary and Joint H&S Officer

Branch Secretary Unite Regional Officer Branch Chair

## 1. MINUTES AND ACTIONS

The minutes from the last meeting were agreed.

## 2. FUTURE OF WORK

Charles Marson (HR Business Partner) outlined the key changes to UCL's current approach towards the amount of time Professional Services staff will be required on campus. This will be identified using an activity-based approach.

## 3. FINANCE UPDATE

A financial update was given.

## 4. STATUTORY FACILITY TIME

Management met with the Trade Union Representatives and reached an agreement in principle about the use and storing of TU data.

It was agreed Trade Union Representatives would submit time-off data for the 2021/22 return.

## 5. UPDATE ON RECOGNITION AGREEMENT

Management met and discussed the Statutory Facility Time returns. An update on actions were sent to the Trade Union Representatives.

#### 6. UPDATE ON PGTA PROJECT

The Continuous Improvement team have undertaken a comprehensive listening exercise, working with Departments, PGTAs and HR. The project showed that UCL is using the right types of contracts, but the organisation can provide clarifications with the PGTA Code of Practice (CoP) and associated guidance.

UCU indicated they would prefer that staff are issued Averaged Hours Contracts rather than Guaranteed Minimum Hours contracts. Management clarified that If the Average Hour contracts are used, they must not span long periods of non-work as this has implications for Tax, right to work and ensuring staff are paid in a timely manner for work.

## 7. LONDON ALLOWANCE

The unions have collectively submitted a London Allowance pay claim to UCL, in addition to claims to other employers.

**Action**: Management confirmed they received this and will schedule a meeting ahead of the next JCNC meeting to discuss.

#### 8. USS BENEFIT IMPROVEMENT – DIVERSION OF DEFICIT RECOVERY CONTRIBUTIONS INTO PENSION BENEFITS

UCU called on UCL to take a leading role in making the case for UUK to join with UCU to enact a rule that permits changes in scheme benefits between USS valuations.

## 9. AOB

**UCU** has stated that guidance has been issued regarding lecture recording, as in the current planning document it says that lectures should be recorded because the students want it. As

this is not always the case, it should be an academic decision where political and other forms of sensitivities are involved.

Action: Management will look into the matter and respond.

**UNITE** raised concerns regarding the Bartlett School report, calling on UCL to provide a solution, as this tarnishes the reputation of the university.

**Action**: The Bartlett is implementing a range of actions that have arisen from the report, and the Trade Union Representatives have been briefed ahead, with a follow-up meeting scheduled for June 14<sup>th</sup> 2022.