

UoN UCU Motions for [2025 Congress & HESC](#)

The following motions have been submitted to the branch for consideration. If they are passed with a majority at the 12 March 2025 Branch Meeting while the meeting is quorate, they will be submitted to Congress or, if specific to Higher Education, the Higher Education Sector Conference.

Motions for Congress

The branch can submit one (1) motion to Congress. We have received one motion so do not need to vote on which one to submit.

1 Reporting back of NEC members to constituencies

Congress instructs the NEC to formulate rule change motions to ensure the following:

1. NEC members canvass opinions from branches and regions in their constituencies prior to NEC and NEC subcommittee meetings.
2. NEC members produce a written report within two working weeks of NEC and NEC subcommittees to be circulated in the appropriate constituency.
3. Appropriate mechanisms to be established by UCU to support circulation of reports from NEC members to constituencies.

(70 words)

Mover: Gertjan Lucas, on behalf of Branch Committee

To be seconded from the chair

Rule change motions for Congress

The branch can submit an unlimited number of motions to change the [rules of the union](#). The following two (2) rule change motions have been submitted.

2 Change to Rule 16

Add new rule 16.5.1

Where National Congress or Sector Conferences do not meet during the times referred to in rule 16.5, the relevant National Congress or Sector Conferences must be recalled as soon as reasonably practicable to consider the motions submitted to the National Congress or Sector Conferences. Additional late and emergency motions can be considered at the recalled Congress or Sector Conference in line with rules 16.8 and 16.9.

Purpose:

To enshrine in rule that in the event of cancellation, Congress or Sector Conference need to be rescheduled. Rather than, as has happened when the rules were silent on the matter, motions disappear into a void in spite of the hard work submitting bodies undertook to compose them and the efforts of elected delegates to prepare to debate them.

Mover: Gertjan Lucas, on behalf of Branch Committee
To be seconded from the chair

3 Change to regional committee standing orders – Environmental Representative

To Standing order 7 of the UCU Regional Committee Model Standing Orders, add 'an Environmental representative' after 'a representative of members on casual contracts'

So the amended Model Standing Order 7 would read:

The Officers of the Committee will be the Chair, the Vice Chair, the Treasurer, the Secretary and the Chairs and Secretaries of the sector committees, and for each sector, a representative of members on casual contracts, ***an Environmental representative*** together with such other Officers as may be deemed necessary.

Purpose:

The importance of environmental issues and the seriousness of climate change means that there should be an Environmental representative on regional committees. The rule change will add one.

Mover: Gertjan Lucas, on behalf of Branch Committee
To be seconded from the chair