

Dear,

Michelle Donelan MP (Minister of State for Universities)

Mark E Smith (Chair of the UCEA Board, President and Vice-Chancellor of the University of Southampton)

Sir David Eastwood (Chair of the USS Trustee Board, President and Vice-Chancellor of the University of Birmingham)

Alistair Jarvis (Chief Executive of Universities UK)

We are writing this letter as sabbatical officers at Students' Unions across the UK, because we are seriously concerned about the lack of resolution to the current ongoing disputes between the UCU and employers.

The forthcoming wave of strikes will have meant that over the past two years, we will have seen up to 36 days of strike action taken over these ongoing disputes; which has resulted in a significant amount of missed teaching time, and discontent across our campuses for many of our students.

With no immediate resolution to the dispute, it is likely that we could be set for further disruption across the country, following this round of forthcoming industrial action. Our students are wanting to know if, and when, a resolution to the ongoing dispute will come.

We are writing with urgency, as our Students' Unions want you to bring an end to these disputes now. We agree with the UCU's aims and believe that it is the responsibility of UCEA, USS and UUK to deliver a resolution that is agreeable to them. This will enable us to move forward from what's been a difficult few years for everyone, and ensure our students are receiving the education they deserve, without disruption.

In writing this, we are speaking on behalf of hundreds of thousands of students across the UK, and I hope that upon reading this you understand our concerns and take them very seriously. We are asking you to share this letter with your boards, and to get back in touch with us immediately so we can work to bring an end to this dispute.

Yours sincerely,



Jake Verity, President of Sheffield Students' Union (~ 30,000 Students)

Cc Jo Grady, General Secretary of the UCU