

SUARTS POLICY | UNITE STUDENTS AND STAFF TO SAVE JOBS

This Union Notes:

- That the Universities and Colleges Employers Association (UCEA) indicated in April 2009 that up to 100 universities may face redundancies.
- That UCEA failed to formulate a policy to stop redundancies to the University and College Union (UCU) by the deadline of 20 April 2009.
- That the UCU are balloting for strike action across the Higher Education sector to stop cutbacks and save jobs.
- That NUS President Wes Streeting has already denounced strike action by saying “students need industrial action like a hole in the head” in *The Guardian* on Thursday 23 April 2009.

This Union Believes:

- That job losses and cutbacks will damage our universities and prevent students from getting the education they deserve.
- That the latest threats of job cuts are part of a wider attack on Higher Education including the continual decrease in HEFCE funding and marketisation of universities, requires grassroots campaigning that unites both students and university staff.
- That ‘Another Education is Possible’ was setup in November 2008 as a broad campaigning student network to resist such cutbacks.
- That if there is money to bail out sectors like the banking system, then money could be spent to save jobs.
- That the government has spent approximately five hundred times more on bailing out the banks than the amount the 2009

This Union Resolves:

- To organise a meeting for staff and students to discuss campaigning together to save jobs and courses.
- To support the ‘Another Education is Possible’ annual conference on 31st October 2009.

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