

UCU NEC elections: Vote Eleni Michalopoulou for North West member (Higher Education)

Elections
run from
4 February to
1 March

Defend education, defend our members, defend academic freedom

The course of HE in the UK (and internationally) is characterised by strong retrograde moves towards a University-corporate entity that is expressed through:

- An aggressive push to reduce costs affecting pay, pensions, workload and job security
- Increased pressure for income generation through research grants or student recruitment associated with threats to job security
- Discrimination of staff 'categories' according to role profile to the detriment of our students
- The establishment of corporate management structures that severely compromise academic freedom and democracy resulting in institutional level bullying tactics.

The on-going financial crisis is used as a lever to validate the attack on staff and students alike just as for the rest of society and the world, centring on the myth that the debt and not the inability of the system to maintain their profit margins is at the basis of the crisis.

As a union we need to address all



these aspects where both our rights and education are being attacked. As a branch committee member in Liverpool and a UCU left supporter I have fought for all these aspects to be part of an inclusive plan of resistance and will continue to do so at any level of Union activity, fighting for:

- Fair and better pay and pensions in an HE funding framework that recognises education as a right not a privilege
- Democratic, participatory and collegiate management of Universities that safeguards academic freedom and provides public service as opposed to

corporate benefits

- A fighting Union based in grass roots democracy and collective decision making.

My record

Since my arrival in the UK I have been a member of Unison (1999-2000) working for the Meat Hygiene Service as an Official Veterinarian, Prospect (2000-2005) when working as a Veterinary Officer for the State Veterinary Service (now AH-VLA).

I was DEFRA Branch Council member (2003-2005) and I became a member of AUT/UCU in 2005 when I moved as a lecturer of Veterinary Epidemiology and Public Health at the School of Veterinary Science of the University of Liverpool.

I have been a branch committee member since 2011.

Vote Eleni Michalopoulou 2 and Jo McNeill 1 for the NW Region HE seats.

Please also vote for

- Liz Lawrence for Vice-President
- Gavin Reid for Honorary Treasurer

Liz's election blog is:

<http://lizlawrence4vp.wordpress.com>

Please vote for the following candidates in the national officer and NEC elections

Vice-President
Elizabeth Lawrence

Honorary Treasurer
Gavin Reid

Honorary Secretary, Scotland
Carlo Morelli

Disabled members
Rob Murthwaite

Black members
Dawn Livingston

LGBT members (HE)
Pura Ariza

UK-elected HE
Paul Blackledge, Adrian Budd, Peter Dwyer, Jeff Fowler, Marion Hersh, Veronica Killen Gavin Reid, Sean Wallis

UK-elected FE
David Armstrong, Mandy Brown, Alison Lord, Loraine Monk

Midlands FE
Alan Barker, Brian O'Sullivan

North West HE
Eleni Michalopoulou, Jo McNeill

North West FE
Darren Tolliday, Isabel Brotherston

Midlands HE
Ron Mendel, Nicholas Cimini

South HE
Patricia McManus, Ellen Seiss, Lesley Kane

STV VOTING SYSTEM

To maximise votes for progressive candidates we ask you to do the following:

- Please use your votes to **first endorse all UCU Left candidates** and only after that use lower preferences for other progressive candidates in each relevant list; and
- Give your highest preferences in the UK-Elected list to UCU Left candidate(s) **from your region**

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