

UoB Briefing (from UoB Matters)

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UCU ballot for industrial action on USS pension reform

Staff will be aware that the Universities and Colleges Union (UCU) recently held a second ballot of Birmingham branch members for industrial action in relation to proposed changes to the USS pension. We have been advised that as insufficient members voted in that ballot, industrial action will not proceed at the University.

The future sustainability of the USS pension and the proposed reforms remain important topics for all academic and related staff who are members of the scheme and staff can find regular updates about the proposed changes on the **intranet**.

In March and April 2018, there will be a 64-day consultation period during which all USS pension scheme members will be consulted on the proposed changes. We encourage staff to respond fully to the consultation. A series of staff roadshows about the consultation will also take place.