

## **Solidarity with student activists**

**Member motion, SUCU GM 17 November 2022**

This Branch Notes:

- UoS has hired private investigation company Intersol Global to investigate students allegedly involved in the recent occupation of the Diamond that took place in October 2022.
- At least two students have been sent letters notifying them of this investigation, requesting that they attend a meeting with an investigator within the next month. These students have previously organised support within the student body for UCU action in last year's strike rounds.

This Branch Believes:

- This is a disturbing development and a direct intimidation tactic by UoS to deter students from taking part in nonviolent freedom of expression and is likely causing unnecessary mental stress on student activists.
- The hard line disciplinary approach being taken by the university is an attempt to deter activism, and will likely have implications for public displays of student support for upcoming UCU action.
- Students and staff must have the right to peaceful freedom of expression without such tactics being used.

This Branch Resolves To:

- Reach out to the SU and offer our solidarity to students affected by this investigation.
- Write a letter to our Vice Chancellor, Security Services and Student Conduct and Appeals Team demanding that the investigation into these students be dropped as disproportionate.
- Publicise this matter via social media channels to make other branches aware that universities are now using this tactic against student activists.