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STUDENTS URGE AGAINST INDUSTRIAL ACTION

Students have urged staff at the University of Glasgow to vote against strike action in a ballot of the Universities and Colleges Union (UCU). In a letter to all staff at the University, Gavin Lee, GUSRC President, highlighted his concerns for student welfare, especially during the coming months where degree results and future employment is at the forefront of students' priorities.

Glasgow University Students' Representative Council expressed their sympathy for staff in the face of an insulting offer of a 0.3% pay rise from the Universities Colleges and Employers Association (UCEA), which undermines the hard work and passion that Higher Education professionals have dedicated to both their institutions and students.

Despite this, GUSRC were quick to point out that the UCU's demand of an 8% pay rise was unrealistic in the current economic climate.

The ballot on whether employees should take industrial action is open until 22nd May.

Mr. Lee explained, "This pay dispute should be settled quickly and amicably around the negotiating table, not through strike action. Crucially, we do not believe that students - and their futures - should not used as pawns in this process."

Glasgow University Students' Representative Council represents the interests of students registered at the University of Glasgow to the University and nation. The representative function is augmented by the delivery of services aimed at enhancing the student experience while at Glasgow. Council comprises up to 37 elected students who meet throughout the year.

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