

SUCU Motion on Voluntary Severance Passed

At an Extraordinary General Meeting on 14 July 2009, SUCU Branch agreed that:

The university executive's voluntary severance scheme is being implemented without any significant consultation with the university unions, not coincidentally at a time when most staff are at their busiest and therefore in least position to oppose it.

Since the scheme does not involve any cut in the work of the university, it will further intensify the work of many of our members beyond the existing unacceptable and unhealthy levels of work. This extra work will not be voluntary. SUCU therefore opposes the voluntary severance scheme, and will oppose similar future schemes, including 'voluntary redundancy'.

In the event of staff leaving under this scheme, SUCU members will refuse to take on extra work, arising from staff leaving, beyond their contract hours.