

Oxford UCU Branch Rule Change

Passed at the AGM on 9th July 2024

Amend Oxford UCU Local Rules to increase the value of donations which can be approved by the committee from £50 to £250

This is a proposed change to paragraph 6.3.4 of the Branch/LA Local Rules. Specifically, the proposal is to replace '£50' with '£250' in the following sentence: 'Donations greater than £50 must be approved by a general meeting of the Branch/LA; donations of this amount or less may be approved by the committee'.

Once amended, paragraph 6.3.4 would therefore read:

6.3.4 Donations to charities or other bodies whose objects are consistent with those of the Branch/LA. Donations greater than £250 must be approved by a general meeting of the Branch/LA; donations of this amount or less may be approved by the committee.

(The passage may be viewed in its wider context in the Branch/LA Local Rules on the Oxford UCU website, here: <https://oxforducu.org.uk/local-rules/>) **Rationale:**

The Oxford UCU committee occasionally receives time-sensitive requests for solidarity donations from charities or other bodies whose objects are consistent with those of the Branch/LA. On these occasions, it is not always practical to call an Extraordinary General Meeting within the available time, and equally an Emergency General Meeting may feel unwarranted. This leads to situations where the Oxford UCU committee votes to donate £50, whilst recognising that the amount is too small to be of much practical use to the recipients.

The Oxford UCU Local Rules were drafted many years ago, and inflation has since reduced the purchasing power of £50. We believe that an increase is due, and note that a £250 limit would bring Oxford UCU in line with comparably large branches, where the sum ranges from £50 to £1000.