

UNIVERSITY & COLLEGE UNION

Statement to members issued in connection with the Union's Annual Return for the year ended 31st August, 2020 as required by Section 32A of Trade Union and Labour Relations (Consolidation) Act 1992

Income and Expenditure

The total income of the union for the year was £26,045,544. This amount included payments of £24,788,734 in respect of membership of the union. The union's total expenditure for the period was £20,635,385. In respect of the union's political fund, its total income was £152,383 and total expenditure £151,163.

Salary paid to and other benefits provided to the General Secretary, President and members of Executive

The General Secretary of the union was paid £102,288 in respect of salary and £21,443 in respect of benefits.

The President and each member of Executive were not paid any amount in respect of salary or benefits.

Irregularity statement

A member who is concerned that some irregularity may be occurring, or have occurred, in the conduct of the financial affairs of the union may take steps with a view to investigating further, obtaining clarification and, if necessary, securing regularisation of that conduct.

The member may raise any such concern with such one or more of the following as it seems appropriate to raise it with: the officials of the union, the trustees of the property of the union, the auditor or auditors of the union, the Certification Officer (who is an independent officer appointed by the Secretary of State) and the police.

Where a member believes that the financial affairs of the union have been or are being conducted in breach of the law or in breach of the rules of the union and contemplates bringing civil proceedings against the union or responsible officials or trustees, he should consider obtaining independent legal advice.

Auditor's report

The auditor's report included in the return to the Certification Office is set out below.

Copy of auditor's report included in the return to the Certification Office

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF THE UNIVERSITY AND COLLEGE UNION

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of the University and College Union for the year ended 31st August 2020 which comprise the Funds Accounts, the Balance Sheet and the notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 - The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the Union's affairs as at 31st August 2020 and of the Union's income and expenditure for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice;
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of sections 28, 32 and 36 of the Trade Union and Labour Relations (Consolidation) Act 1992, and the rules of the Union.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the Union in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the ISAs (UK) require us to report to you where:

- the Members of the National Executive Committee use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is not appropriate; or
- the Members of the National Executive Committee have not disclosed in the financial statements any identified material uncertainties that may cast significant doubt about the Union's ability to continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting for a period of at least twelve months from the date when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Other information

The Members of the National Executive Committee are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Report of Honorary Treasurer.

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information; we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Trade Union and Labour Relations (Consolidation) Act 1992 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- proper accounting records have not been kept by Union; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- a satisfactory system of control has not been maintained over the Union's transactions; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Responsibilities of the Members of the National Executive Committee

As explained more fully in the Statement of Responsibilities of the Union and Members of the National Executive Committee [set out on page 22-1], the Members of the National Executive Committee are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the Members of the National Executive Committee determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the Members of the Executive Committee are responsible for assessing the Union's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Members of the Executive Committee either intend to liquidate the Union or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF THE UNIVERSITY AND COLLEGE UNION (CONTINUED)

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the Members of the Union, as a body, in accordance with the Union's rules. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we may state to the Union's Members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Union and its Members as a body, for our audit work, for this report or for the opinions we have formed.

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**KNOX CROPPER LLP
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05.3.2021.**

Knox Cropper LLP is eligible for appointment as auditor of the Union by virtue of its eligibility for appointment as auditor of a company under Section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006.