

Sally Hunt
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Credibility and Accountability of the UCU

Dear Ms Hunt

We are writing to you about a problem.

On 7 June 2005 you wrote to one of us (RM) as follows: *"I am making enquiries into the matters you have raised with me and I will be in touch with you again in due course"*.

Your letter is attached as Appendix A.

On 28 September 2005 you wrote to one of us (AB) as follows: *"I have asked the regional official to deal with your case and to report back to me. I will be in touch again in due course"*.

Your letter is attached as Appendix B.

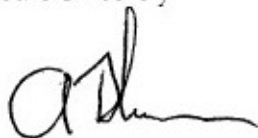
Three years later we are both patiently awaiting your reply. You are no doubt aware that each of these "cases" raised principles which go to the heart of academic functioning and the supposed mission of the AUT/UCU. They raised matters far beyond the mere technical or legal employment issues in each "case". Those principles should have caused a storm of protest within any plausible Academic Union.

There is a groundswell of opinion that the AUT/UCU is not addressing matters of fundamental principle. We would suggest that, through its silence, the AUT/UCU have colluded with the corruption of academia. Fine words about academic freedom will come to nothing unless the UCU engages with actual issues of principle which arise.

We note too the belated UCU comments in relation to the case of Rizwaan Sabir and Hisham Yezza at Nottingham University. Unfortunately, there was no audible public comment from the UCU about the principles involved. There has been no comment about the meaning of being an academic, or the role of a University.

We are aware of many other instances of principled inaction of the AUT/UCU. However given the synchronous nature of your letters of 2005 we thought we would write at this time to check whether you have managed to find the time to respond.

Yours Sincerely



Dr Aubrey Blumsohn



Dr Rhetta Moran



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7 June 2005

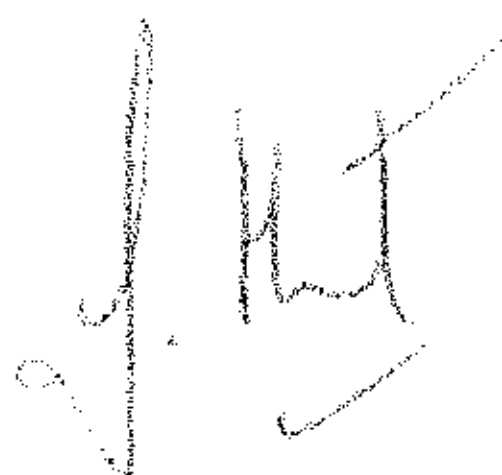
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Dear Rhetta

I write to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 2 June 2005.

I am making enquiries into the matters you have raised with me and I will be in touch with you again in due course.

Yours sincerely



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Date: Tue, 20 Sep 2005 10:38:16 +0100

From: "Sally Hunt" <Sally.Hunt@aut.org.uk>

To: "Aubrey Blumsohn"

Dear Dr Blumsohn

I acknowledge receipt of your communication. I have asked the regional official to deal with your case and to report back to me.

I will be in touch again in due course.

Sally Hunt