

GENERAL SECRETARY ELECTION 2017

REGULATIONS FOR CANDIDATES' ELECTION ADDRESSES

- 1 Candidates standing for election as General Secretary are entitled to have printed an election address not exceeding 1250 words.
- 2 The full name and branch or local association of the candidate, or, if a UCU employee, job title of the candidate, will be printed in addition to the candidate's election address.
- 3 A hyphenated word will count as one word. Two years hyphenated to express a period of time (eg. 1999-2001) will count as one word. A website or email address will count as one word. Words separated by an oblique stroke (eg. branch/region) will not be counted as one word.
- 4 If a candidate's election address exceeds the stated number of words, those words that continue after the permitted number of words will not be printed.
- 5 No amendment of election addresses is permitted, other than the withdrawal of words or statements by candidates. Words or statements may be withdrawn for up to 14 days after the closing date for the receipt of election addresses.
- 6 No photograph, graphics or other matter that is not conventional words or punctuation marks is permitted as part of a candidate's election address.
- 7 All candidates are advised of the following provision of Section 48 of the Trade Union and Labour Relations (Consolidation) Act 1992:

No person other than the candidate themselves shall incur any civil or criminal liability in respect of the publication of a candidate's election address or of any copy required to be made for the purposes of this election.
- 8 Responsibility for the factual accuracy of information contained in a candidate's election address rests with the candidate.
- 9 The union will make candidates' election addresses available on its website.