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| Dear colleagueIn this week's campaign update:**Government rushes through dangerous higher education bill**The controversial [Higher Education and Research Bill](https://list.mercury.ucu.org.uk/t/19863/151504/4000/1/?c73c8e04=Y2FtcGFpZ251cGRhdGU%3d&60bc612e=X2FsbC1tZW1iZXJz&560a3889=VUNVIGNhbXBhaWducyB1cGRhdGU6IDI4IEFwcmlsIDIwMTc%3d&x=c5b390be)finally completed its [passage through parliament yesterday](https://list.mercury.ucu.org.uk/t/19863/151504/4001/2/). MPs and peers agreed to a number of watered down amendments to ensure the bill became law before this parliamentary session ended. [Writing in the Huffington Post](https://list.mercury.ucu.org.uk/t/19863/151504/4002/3/), Sally Hunt said that in the rush to get it through, the government had managed keep its long-term plans to marketise the sector firmly on track.**College leaders’ pay boost while staff salaries remain frozen** More than half of college leaders received a salary increase last year – at the same time as their staff were subject to a pay freeze, according to [new figures in today’s TES](https://list.mercury.ucu.org.uk/t/19863/151504/4003/4/). UCU head of further education Andrew Harden said: ‘College leaders who tell staff that the money is not there for a fair pay rise – all while pocketing massive pay rises themselves – are an embarrassment to the sector.’Find out more about your pay and how it compares to your principal’s and staff at other colleges [using our Rate for the Job online tool here](https://list.mercury.ucu.org.uk/t/19863/151504/3764/5/?c73c8e04=Y2FtcGFpZ251cGRhdGU%3d&60bc612e=X2FsbC1tZW1iZXJz&560a3889=VUNVIGNhbXBhaWducyB1cGRhdGU6IDI4IEFwcmlsIDIwMTc%3d&x=94a41dfb).[See here for full update including:](https://list.mercury.ucu.org.uk/t/19863/151504/4004/6/?c73c8e04=Y2FtcGFpZ251cGRhdGU%3d&60bc612e=X2FsbC1tZW1iZXJz&560a3889=VUNVIGNhbXBhaWducyB1cGRhdGU6IDI4IEFwcmlsIDIwMTc%3d&x=9de63920) * In the news
* General election 8 June: make our voice heard
* Higher education pay: employers’ final offer
* Manchester Metropolitan University: management fail to silence campaign to save jobs
* Further education England pay claim
* UCU academic boycott of London Metropolitan University
* Mayoral candidates asked to support FE charter
* Celebrate May Day: international workers’ day
* Chechnya: stop the persecution of gay men
* Workers’ Memorial Day, 28 April
* Rule 13: procedure for the regulation of the conduct of members

Best wishesEd BaileyUCU acting head of campaigns |

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