**Motion to support the Justice4Sanaz Campaign**

**This Union Notes:**

1: That Ms Sanaz Raji, Phd candidate at the Institute of Communication Studies (ICS), at the University of Leeds, having been awarded a tuition fees waiver and maintenance scholarship, has seen her funding revoked by the ICS without following due rules and regulations as set by the University’s Research Student Handbook, and only two weeks before the start of the new academic term. The Handbook explicitly states that:

"It is essential that the student should be given clear information in writing on the assessment of progress. Where progress is deemed to be unsatisfactory, the student should be interviewed by the Postgraduate Research Tutor and the supervisor and specific instructions and objectives given. The student should be advised that failure to meet those requirements may lead to a recommendation for the termination of the candidature.” (2009/2010: 74).

2: That Ms Raji’s Phd supervisors at the ICS failed to provide for two consecutive years, at least 10 supervisory meetings, as required by the Leeds Research Student Handbook, and had to continue with an unfeasible supervisory arrangement.

3: That the committee overseeing Ms Raji’s appeal against the ICS denied her a hearing with the committee to present her evidence, hear the evidence of ICS, and defend herself against ICS’s accusations.

**This Union believes:**

1: That there is no satisfactory justification for ICS to revoke Ms Raji’s scholarship.

2: That the attacks to Ms Raji's education are an attack to all international students who are consistently treated differently to home students across the nation.

3: That the University of Leeds’ unwillingness to remedy Ms Raji’s supervisory meeting arrangement demonstrates its failure in its pastoral duty towards its students.

4: That the appeal’s committee’s denial of a hearing for Ms Raji is a miscarriage of justice and a breach of her human rights.

5: That the lack of support Ms Raji received from student bodies is a clear indication of disinterest of the plight of international students in the UK in general, and disregard about her rights as a student in particular.

6: That the University’s unwillingness to challenge ICS for misconduct and address Ms Raji’s grievances show the University’s indifference towards redressing unfair treatment directed at international students.

7: That all students should be able to challenge their university if they believe that the latter is not adhering to proper academic standards and providing satisfactory support.

8: That all students, including international students should be treated fairly.

**This Union resolves:**

1: To officially supports the Justice4Sanaz campaign, which aims to ensure that Ms Raji’s visa is extended so that she is able to legally reside in the United Kingdom until her case with the OIA is completed.

2: To pledge to working with RHUL International to provide better welfare and support for International students at all levels of study.

**This Union mandates:**

1: That the Vice President (Communication and Campaigns) writes a letter of solidarity for theJusticeforSanaz campaign

**Proposed:** Asma A. Farah

**Seconded:** Jamie Green, Vice President (Communications and Campaigns)