

Extra briefing in response to the Wales Online article

The Wales online article features information gained through an FOI request made by them to Cardiff University. It outlines the fact that 1807 academic staff received letters in January being told that their jobs were 'in scope' to be cut. Their point is that although the headline figure for potential redundancies is approximately 400 jobs, the letter was issued far more widely than that.

If the current headline figures are adopted, then it will affect 22% of those who have experienced this period of uncertainty. Cardiff UCU are quoted as saying

"These numbers speak for themselves on the amount of fear and anxiety at Cardiff university, right now.... The lack of clarity around these processes is deeply unsettling, and it is made all the worse by the fact that such huge cuts are not necessary. "

The article also discussed the membership of the University's redundancy committee, which the University said meets monthly as part of their business-as-usual processes. None of the recognised campus trade unions are members of the committee. (Cardiff University's website says the redundancy committee comprises of two lay members of Council and two Heads of School.) [REDACTED]

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The article also refers to the international negative publicity received by Cardiff University following the announcement but there is no direct answer from the university quoted on this aspect.

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