

‘Motion to clarify the purpose of Freshers’ Representatives’

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The society notes:

1. The society elects two Freshers’ Representatives during the first academic term of the year
2. This year, the role of Freshers’ Representatives was advertised as “ensur[ing] that any events we hold are relevant and helpful for students in [their first] year. [...] have the power to suggest, create, and organise [their] own events!” [1]
3. The society runs events in five broad categories: academic, gaming, tech, social, and gender inclusivity [2], with members often only attending events in a subset of these categories

The society believes:

1. Freshers’ Representatives should not be used to offload work other members of the executive committee do not want to perform
2. The cumulative interests of the elected Freshers’ Representatives should encompass all categories of events the society runs
3. If Freshers’ Representatives had a more tightly clarified purpose, it would be easier for them to contribute meaningfully to the society

The society resolves:

1. Up to one Freshers’ Representatives should be selected for each category of events the society runs, currently: academic, gaming, tech, social, and gender inclusivity [2]
2. As with the gender inclusivity officer, only standard members who do not identify as cisgender male may run for Freshers’ Representative within the gender inclusivity category [3]

3. For each category, the Freshers' Representative should assist with their relevant executive members in the running of the society
4. Freshers' Representatives should be encouraged by their relevant executive members to help plan and run events they perceive as relevant to their year
5. All existing provisions around the Fresher Representative role (4.4.2a-c) [4] remain in place

As a result of these resolutions, Section 4.4.2 of the constitution now reads:

4.4.2.a The Freshers' Representatives should endeavour to facilitate and drive 1st year engagement and events within the society.

4.4.2.b The Freshers' Representatives should act as a point of contact between the Executive

Committee and 1st year students.

4.4.2.c Up to one Freshers' Representative should be selected for each category of events the society runs, currently: Academic, Gaming, Technical, Social, and Gender Inclusivity.

4.4.2.d The Fresher's Representative for each category should assist with and be supported by their relevant executive members in the planning and running of events they perceive as relevant to their year, along with the general activities of the society.

4.4.2.e This office will be elected in a by-election run between weeks one to five of term one. Only standard members who are 1st year students may run and vote for this office. As with the Gender Inclusivity Officer, only those who do not identify as cisgender male may run for Fresher's Representative within the Gender Inclusivity category.

References:

[1]

<https://discord.com/channels/189453139584221185/378148494168555526/1164692036839022592>

[2] <https://uwcs.co.uk/about/>

[3] [https://uwcs.co.uk/about/UWCS constitution 23 24.pdf](https://uwcs.co.uk/about/UWCS_constitution_23_24.pdf) (4.4.4.c)

[4] [https://uwcs.co.uk/about/UWCS constitution 23 24.pdf](https://uwcs.co.uk/about/UWCS_constitution_23_24.pdf) (4.4.2)