

# **Motion to Remove Joint Candidacy**

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## **This Society Notes:**

6.3 Shared Office:

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6.3.5 If multiple members run together, they will be considered as 1 candidate in regard to shared office and as such each member will be considered 1/nth of a full vote where n is the number of people running jointly.

6.3.6 If a Member of a shared seat vacates their position on the Executive Committee — whether by resignation, a Vote of No Confidence, or any other means — the remaining Member shall assume full responsibility for the seat, as if it had originally been held by a single (1) individual.

- Sections outlined under 6.3 “Shared Office” are outdated and is creating a lack of accountability and exec bloat within the society. Whilst the purpose of Shared Office is to allow flexibility and allow two people to share responsibility, it has created a standard of inactivity.
- After the implementation of “Shared Office” in 21/22, the size of the executive committee has continued to increase at an unprecedented and unnecessary rate.

## **This Society Believes:**

- Opinions on why we should do the actions described in “This Society Resolves”

Shared Office has caused massive amounts of executive bloat, reduced executive productivity and caused a lack of accountability within the team. Whilst its purpose is to split responsibility across two people, this has usually ended with one person doing all of the work, or both people doing equally small amounts.

Additionally, Shared Office reduces member agency and threatens the democracy of UWCS. You can theoretically co-run with anybody, and there is no current way to oppose one of two joint candidates.

The ideals of Shared Office has merit – every exec term has its problems, and flexibility is essential to continue operating at a high standard. Therefore, removing Shared Office without alternative would not be suitable.

### **This Society Resolves:**

- Actions we should do going forward

1. We remove Shared Office (as defined in Section 6.3.4, 6.3.5, 6.3.6) for all positions.
2. To replace Shared Office, implement Additional Seats – a system wherein the executive committee can create up to two additional seats per role – with the exception of President or Freshers Representative – to be filled by an Emergency General Meeting (EGM), or By-Election.
3. Additional Seats will not be cumulative, allowing for flexibility without impacting the future size of the executive.

- Include any updated sections of the constitution here

Old:

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New:

#### **10.7 Additional Seats**

**10.7.1** In the event of additional demand or other extraordinary circumstance, a quorate vote from the Executive Committee can add a maximum of 2 seats to any individual role.

**10.7.1.a** The positions of President and Freshers Representative shall be exempt from 10.7.1

10.7.2 Additional seats will be filled by an Emergency General Meeting (EGM) or By-Election.

10.7.3 Multiple members are not permitted to run together for one seat.

10.7.3 Additional seats will not be cumulative, and will be reset with each subsequent Annual General Meeting (AGM).