

Motion to Limit the Number of Joint Candidates per Role

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1 This Society Notes:

1. Under Section 6.3.1 of the Constitution[1]: “All positions will be filled up to a maximum of 2 for all available positions, with exception of the ‘President’ role which has sole occupancy as well as Academic and Gaming coordinators which can have up to 3”.
2. Under Section 6.3.4 of the Constitution[1]: “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 $\frac{1}{n^{\text{th}}}$ of a full vote where n is the number of people running jointly”.
3. There is no upper limit to the number of individuals that could run for a single position.
4. Both the proposer and seconder have utilised shared office in the past and future.
5. There is currently no provision specifying the procedure in the event that one member of a shared seat is removed from the Executive Committee, whether by resignation or a Vote of No Confidence (VONC).

2 This Society Believes:

1. Due to 1.3, there has been a large amount of unnecessary exec inflation.
2. It is often the case that members will run together to avoid having to run against each other[2].
3. Shared Office offers several benefits. For example, including the ability for friends to campaign as a single candidate to guarantee a familiar face. Another being how Shared Office provides flexibility for individuals who may be unable to fully commit to the role by allowing them to share responsibilities.
4. Shared Office does not inherently guarantee an electoral advantage unless all potential candidates were to choose to run as a unified entity.
5. Certain positions, such as Fresher Representatives, do not benefit enough from Shared Office to justify the inflation of exec.

3 This Society Resolves:

1. To amend Section 6.3 of the Constitution as follows:

6.3.4 A maximum of two (2) Members may run together in one seat, with the exception of Fresher

Representative positions, which must be held by a single (1) individual

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 $1/n$ th 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.

References

- [1] University of Warwick Computing Society, “University of warwick computing society constitution,” 2024, last Accessed 11/02/2025. [Online]. Available: <https://github.com/UWCS/democracy/blob/cbc0644abf01ab391d13bc2522ae26d22b0ddc30/constitution.tex>
- [2] A. Skrzymowski, J. Coulon, J. Heng, and A. Wright, 2023, all ran together to avoid having to run against each other.