

J.17-5 A Motion to update membership of the Board of Ten of the Union Debating Society to mandate a second Chief Whip

This SRC and SSC notes:

1. It has been common practice to elect two Chief Whips onto the Board of Ten for the past few years.
2. This is because many have felt the job is too large for one individual.
3. This practice has resulted in one voting and one non-voting member of Board.

This SRC and SSC believes:

1. The practice of electing two Chief Whips lightens the burden of work for both members and therefore improves the quality of training.
2. Having a senior, yet non-voting, member of Board who has been elected at the AGM fails to represent the electoral mandate of the Chief Whip vote.

This SRC and SSC resolves:

1. To amend §2.1.9 to read ‘The two Chief Whips’
2. To amend §3.1.12 to read ‘There shall be two Chief Whips. They will be elected at the AGM as a team and shall both have a vote on the Board of Ten. They shall be jointly responsible for all aspects of debating and public speaking training within the Society.’

PROPOSED

Beckie Thomas

SECONDED

Charlotte Andrew
Caroline Christie
Euan Grant
Francis Newman

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2. The Debates Board

2.1. Membership The Officers of the Society shall be:

1. The SSC Debates Officer (Convener & Chair)
2. The Treasurer of the Society
3. The Clerk to the House (Secretary)
4. Inter-Varsity Secretary
5. Schools Secretary
6. Communications Secretary
7. Steward to the House (Social Secretary)
8. Internal Secretary
9. The two Chief Whips
10. The Serjeant-at-Arms
11. The Freshers’ Representative
12. The SSC Nominee
13. Director of Student Development & Activities

3.1.12. There shall be two Chief Whips. They will be elected at the AGM as a team and shall both have a vote on the Board of Ten. They shall be jointly responsible for all aspects of debating and public speaking training within the Society.