



**UBU Annual General Meeting**  
**Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2012**  
**Anson Rooms**

**Priority for: Union Development & Affairs**

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**Motion Name: Motion to ban groups or 'slates' running in Union elections**

**UBU Notes:**

1. Union elections take place every year to elect the next year's officers.
2. Other Student Unions' have banned teams, or 'slates', and this has made elections more accessible.

**UBU Believes:**

1. Running in teams can be intimidating for solo candidates and it discourages others from running.
2. Students who are learning about the elections for the first time may not know that you can vote for candidates that are on different teams and that for each election you are voting for an individual.
3. Running in teams makes voters focus on an overall team rather than the individual candidates running and therefore candidates don't get the best opportunity to promote their own ideas. Similarly unpopular policies of an individual candidate may be overlooked and mandated.
4. Candidates sharing print and non-print budgets to make posters, through the use of paper as well as printed posters, gives candidates in teams an unfair advantage against those running alone.
5. Slates can be detrimental to the strength of the union team, as within slates, weaker candidates stand a better chance of being elected.

**UBU Resolves:**

1. To ban teams from running in Student Union elections.
2. No candidate's publicity material may promote any candidate running for a different role
3. Candidates running for different positions cannot have the same slogan or publicity design as any other candidate in the election.
4. Individual candidate's budgets are for that candidate alone.

**Proposer's Name: Thomas Denbigh - Seconded: Georgina Bavetta**

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