

**S. Motion to Diversify Guest Speakers at Public Debates hosted by the Union Debating Society (UDS)**

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In Effect From: Immediately

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Proposer

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**It is noted that:**

1. The Union Debating Society (UDS) has currently been facing issues regarding ensuring that a wide array of speakers are represented in each public debate
2. The current constitution only ensures that a diversity of genders should be represented.

**It is believed that:**

1. A diverse set of speakers regarding experience and background is ideal to ensure as many viewpoints are considered in every public debate.
2. The UDS should strive to ensure as many viewpoints are represented in each event.

**It is resolved to:**

1. Update Chapter 14, Section 10 of the Laws to the following:

10. **Representation** in Public Debates

10.1. Throughout the course of the academic year, there must be an extensive attempt to have a diverse spread of **representation** of **minority groups** as official guest speakers. This applies unless the Convenor and **Internal Secretary(ies)** have both exhaustively invited a varied range of speakers without success, and if there has been no success in exhaustively seeking out a variety of willing university students or debaters.