

Arguments for allowing Sabbs to stand for two years

- We *do not* have a duty to provide a perfect democracy
- We *only* have a duty to do what is right for the students we represent, and this means having the best possible candidate in the sabbatical position.
- Changing the rules so that more people can “have a go” is ridiculous! You don’t sack someone from a job to let other people have a chance.
- Though Sabbs running for a second year may use their sabbatical time to campaign, they also use it for job hunting!
- Sabbaticals do NOT automatically win (Simon Matthews for example).
- Sabbaticals often get re-elected because of their experience. Trust our voters, if another candidate has a better manifesto trust our voters to vote for them!
- If you don’t trust the voters to do this then it’s pointless trying to make it more “fair” anyway. Let’s just appoint Sabbs in the Executive Committee.
- This motion has been raised a few times before (I believe) and it has obviously not passed before, there is a reason for this! It only takes a couple of people to propose a paper, it takes many more to stop it.
- There are flaws in the system, though I believe these appear in the elections policy i.e. not allowing negative campaigning.
- Please please please do not get carried away in junior politics. This is a student union, not the Houses of Parliament. Let’s make sure the best people are running it.

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