

## Two in a Bed: Shared to Sole Occupancy Charges

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### This Union notes:

1. There are 79 Standard Twin Rooms in residences at UEA.
2. The rents for these rooms are as follows:
  - for sole occupancy, £85.54 (2008/09) £85.40 (2009/10)
  - for shared occupancy, £51.94 (2008/09) £50.40 (2009/10)
  - from shared to sole (where one occupant leaves), £76.72 (2008/09), £80.15 (2009/10)
3. These rooms are used as a contingency for when the Accommodation Office oversubscribes, meaning when oversubscription occurs, a number of students are placed into shared room, sometimes unwillingly.
4. That when one of the occupants leaves the arrangement, the remaining occupant faces increased rent, which, in some cases, is a higher rent than what was originally applied for.
5. Remaining occupants can then choose to:
  - pay the shared to sole rate
  - move into alternative accommodation
  - find a co-occupant (through the Accommodation Office, or by themselves)
6. The Union's Welfare Officer sits on the University's rent setting committee.

### This Union believes:

1. It is unreasonable for the remaining occupant face an increased charge, by no fault of their own.
2. It is unreasonable to expect the remaining occupant to leave the flat to which you have become accustomed.

### This Union resolves:

1. To increase awareness of the "campus rooms available" listing in the Union Advice Centre to aid remaining occupants to find roommates.
2. To mandate the Welfare Officer in future rent setting meetings to argue for the removal of the shared to sole charge.

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Received:	A resolution from P Drew (YR1 UG PSI) and M Evans (American Studies Soc). (copy placed in the minute book)
Noted:	P Drew, proposing, argued that it was unfair that, through no fault of their students, whose room-mate left, should bare an increase in rent from £25 a week, this year, rising to £30 next.
Resolved:	<b>To adopt the resolution nem con.</b>

