

Felix Report

Felix Editor: Aameena Hassan

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As required by Union Constitution Bye-Law F 19.7:

"The Felix editor shall: Provide a termly report of their activities to the Union Council."

Summary

Having little to report is good news, as if all goes right, we put out a paper every week. Our only major issue since the previous report was when Issue 1813 was delayed by a week. This was due to previously unknown legal issues, which were resolved before we then went to print in the following week.

Achievements

- Felix has published a total of ten issues this year.
- Felix put out the Student Drug Survey, a full decade after the first such survey was conducted. We are aiming to have published results in mid Summer Term.
- *Felix* Dinner conducted as usual
- Development of a News Team, and training News writers to deliver a high quality of journalism.
- £450 in donations secured to fund inaugural *Sophia Prize for Environmental Writing*
- Continued *Felix* Social Media Strategy with regular posts on Instagram
- Renegotiated RockBox Advertising contract to include a new screen (contract signing in February)
- Reached agreements with two organisations about paid advertisements in Felix

Updates

- Phoenix update - have not been able to get back in touch with the editor due to course deadlines
- *Felix* policy review/consolidation: some progress has been made, but requires more discussion around

- Implementation of an x-hour right-to-reply minimum deadline: 48 hours has been confirmed for the College.
- Regular uploads of individual articles to the *Felix* website: we have not found a dedicated volunteer yet
- Distribution network reassessment: has been conducted, and the updated figures have been added to the handover
- Distribution of newspapers: last year, a paid volunteer distributed Felix. They graduated, and a new replacement has been found. The replacement will be continuing this next year.

Updates to previous concerns

Based on the previous report, here are updates:

- Financial status of Felix: we will be able to afford printing for the rest of the year, and have maintained a good relationship with the printing company.
- Loss of the *Felix* Bible: After the loss of our treasured 80-page document last year, I have been able to make very good progress on the new handover document.
- Potential for water damage in Felix Office: concerns have been raised with Estates. In the meantime, we've only experienced issues when it rains heavily.

Concerns

- Training up editors and writers for the next academic year to ensure the continuity of *Felix*
- Conducting this year's Sex Survey, and analysing the data in time for the first issue of 23/24.

1 Reference

For reference, the following Bye-Laws govern the *Felix* Editor:

Union Constitution Bye-Law F 18:

Felix is the newspaper of the Imperial College student body. Its role is to inform, entertain, and hold the College and the Union to account.

Union Constitution Bye-Law F 19:

The *Felix* editor shall:

19.1. Be ultimately responsible for all matters pertaining to the operation and publication of *Felix*, both online and in print.

19.2. Provide training and support to members of the *Felix* society.

19.3. Endeavour to ensure standards of good journalism are upheld.

19.4. Maintain and upkeep the *Felix* archive which they shall make accessible to students and the public.

19.5. Be responsible, with the assistance of the *Felix* society committee, for the social maintenance and health of the *Felix* society.

19.6. Be financially responsible for the *Felix* society.

19.7. Provide a termly report of their activities to the Union Council.