

**Imperial College Union
Union Council / 5th December 2023
Felix Editor Appointment**

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Decision(s): To note

1. Context

The Felix is the student newspaper of Imperial College London. In the Council meeting on the 2nd May 2023, Union Council voted to change the Felix Editor from an elected role to an appointed role, where a candidate is appointed to the role based on a selection process. This change was deemed necessary by Council as the election process had failed many times in selecting a suitable candidate for the role. This was evidenced by the sub-standard quality of some recent Felix Editors.

2. Update

The process for appointing the Felix Editor began with an invitation for any current Imperial students interested in the role to apply. One application was received. Following shortlisting based on the CV and cover letter, a single applicant was taken forward to interview. The interview took place on the 23rd August 2023. The interview panel consisted of the Union's Director of Membership Services (Cat Turhan), a Student Trustee (Dylan Hughes) and the Council Chair (Anthea MacIntosh-LaRocque). A written task prepared by the applicant ahead of the interview was independently examined by the College's Senior Media Manager (Joanna Wilson) and the Chair of the Felix (Mike Buzadji). Both examiners and all members of the interview panel came to the unanimous decision to appoint the applicant, Jamie John, to the position of Felix Editor. Following this decision, Jamie John was informed of his appointment and began his term in the role.