

## For Discussion: *Felix* Policy update

### Background

- Imperial College Union, towards the end of the last academic year, made the decision to review how *Felix*, the Union's student newspaper, operates. This review would include looking at the core purpose of *Felix*, student expectations, the funding model, and governance structures.
- The [research brief](#) was advertised, but we were unable to find anybody to complete the work. Therefore, *Felix* Editor Fred Fyles (FF) and Head of Student Voice and Communication Andrew Keenan (AK) moved to undertake the work themselves.
- One of the core aspects of the Review will be to update the [Felix Policy](#). The *Felix* Policy was [passed by the Board of Trustees in July 2014](#), and has not been updated since.

### Discussion

- As part of our development of the *Felix* Policy, we are seeking feedback from Union Council members.
- We propose a short discussion on the current iteration of the *Felix* Policy (See Appendix A), with members giving their thoughts on any potential changes, areas to develop, or omissions.
- Please note this Policy will be going to the Board of Trustees later this academic year, who have the responsibility of passing/rejecting the Policy. The purpose of bringing this Policy to Union Council is for *discussion* and not *ratification*.

### Next Steps

- Following on from this discussion, FF and AK will continue to develop the *Felix* Policy with stakeholders, before presentation to the Board of Trustees later in the academic year.
- Aside from the *Felix* Policy, FF and AK will be working with relevant stakeholders, including the student body, on other aspects of the Review, including Finances, Handover Support, and Development. We aim to have this work completed by the end of the academic year.