

## **Council Report**

Felix Editor- Joe Letts

### **Apologies**

I send my apologies, due to a previous obligation to supervise an IC Radio event in the Physics Common Room (they are required to have a salaried member of staff in attendance) I will be unable to make tonight's meeting.

### **Handover**

Due to the Union internalising the production of the Handbooks the start date of my contract was delayed until the 1<sup>st</sup> September. This meant that I had no official handover from my predecessor and gave me two weeks to produce the Freshers' Issue from scratch. I would not have made the deadline without a large amount of help from Tim, last year's Editor who made a special effort to come in during September for a few evenings. I would suggest that next year's Editor receive an official handover, since I still have to call Tim and ask for advice, which clearly isn't an optimal solution.

### **Felix Policy**

Since the Felix Policy lapsed in June a new policy was approved in a July meeting of the Union Executive Committee. The main result of which is that Felix is allotted a fixed number of papers a year and a maximum printing budget of £28,000. In return the printing of the paper and the advertising is coordinated by the Union's Central Services. In terms of income, Felix will receive 50% of any additional advertising income above the cost of the paper and the cost of the Editor's salary.

### **Freshers' Issue**

This was my first issue and I was pleased with the result. In order to have the issue in the Freshers' "Welcome Packs" the paper had to be printed by Monday 16<sup>th</sup> of September and so I'm grateful both to Tim for his help producing the paper and our printers who were able to extend our print deadline to the Saturday before the deadline.

### **Editorial Board**

We have a great team of editors this year however we're still missing editors for the following sections: Features, Careers, What's On, Sport, and Puzzles, which I am editing personally in the meanwhile. We are also looking to get more editors for Arts and Politics sections. The Editorial Board meets on a weekly basis on Monday lunchtimes.

### **Sections**

I have created a few new sections in Felix this year, as stated in my election manifesto. We have a "What's On" section, which highlights key events on and around campus

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during the week, and a Careers section for which I am coordinating input from the Alumni and Careers departments at College. There are also plans to expand our support staff in terms of recruiting volunteers to focus on illustration, publicity and marketing. We are also looking at ways to increase our pool of readers and contributors, in particular focusing on postgraduate students and students not present on the South Kensington Campus.

### **Meetings with College Staff**

I have met with the College Communications staff over the last few weeks and liaised with them to get an official response from College about the Fisher House investigation. I am planning to meet Professor Debra Humphris, Vice Provost (Education) this Wednesday.

### **My Meetings and Key Events**

- 1<sup>st</sup> September- Induction Day
- 16<sup>th</sup> September- IntoUniversity Volunteer (re: Journalism workshop for schoolchildren)
- 17<sup>th</sup> September- College Press and Communications Manager
- 18<sup>th</sup> September- Alumni Department
- 19<sup>th</sup> September- Spoke to students on short English Language Support Course
- 20<sup>th</sup> September- Editor of LSE's "the Beaver"
- 21<sup>st</sup> September- Live Blog of TEDx Albertopolis
- 25<sup>th</sup> September- GSU President
- 26<sup>th</sup> September- Careers and Alumni Departments
- 1<sup>st</sup> October- Freshers' Fair Stall and software training sessions for new editors.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> October- Deputy President for Welfare

### **Lolcats**

Felix has appointed an anonymous LOLcat editor. Watch that space...