



TEACHING EXCELLENCE FRAMEWORK POLICY

Title:	Teaching Excellence Framework	Date of Student Council:	07/02/17
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Union Notes:

- The Teaching Excellence Framework (TEF) has been introduced as part of a wider Higher Education Bill and has been created from the Conservative Party Manifesto in the 2015 General Election.
- The TEF will measure what teaching quality is and rank universities with a bronze, silver or gold award.
- The way teaching quality will be measured is by the National Student Survey, student retention data and the Destination of Leavers from Higher Education survey.
- A majority of English universities have entered into the TEF because of funding restraints from the current government.

Union Believes:

- That the metrics being used in the TEF create an incorrect and unattainable standard for teaching excellence which is exposed to many variables outside of a lecturer's control.
- That a further rise in tuition fees is unacceptable and does not signify teaching quality.
- That ARU are able to assess their teaching excellence through other measures and should be encouraged to do so.

Union Resolves:

- To lobby ARU to create a definition and internal benchmark of teaching quality informed by staff and student opinion.
- To campaign to local MPs to stand against the TEF with us.
- To hold events which inform students of what the TEF is and how they can take action to encourage genuine teaching quality while standing against harmful metrics.
- To stand in opposition to the metrics used in the TEF and to decide each year what our relationship to these metrics will be.
- To work together with ARU's UCU branch against the TEF if they want to join us.
- To empower student reps to influence the educational direction of ARU on this level.
- To raise awareness of tuition fee increases.
- To lobby the Vice Chancellor to not raise fees for students after they have started their degree.