



TEACHING EXCELLENCE FRAMEWORK POLICY

Title:	Teaching Excellence Framework	Date of Student Council:	06/02/18
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Union Notes:

1. 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.
2. The TEF will measure what teaching quality is and rank universities with a bronze, silver or gold award.
3. 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.
4. A majority of English universities have entered into the TEF because of funding restraints from the current government.

Union Believes:

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

Union Resolves:

1. To lobby ARU to create a definition and internal benchmark of teaching quality informed by staff and student opinion.
2. To campaign to local MPs to stand against the TEF with us.
3. 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.
4. To stand in opposition to the metrics used in the TEF and to decide each year what our relationship to these metrics will be.
5. To work together with ARU's UCU branch against the TEF if they want to join us.
6. To empower student reps to influence the educational direction of ARU on this level.
7. To raise awareness of tuition fee increases.
8. To lobby the Vice Chancellor to not raise fees for students after they have started their degree.