

TEF - Provider Submission

ICU Notes:

1. The Higher Education and Research Bill (HERB).
2. That a written submission will form part of each higher education provider's Teaching Excellence Framework (TEF) submission.
3. That College has invited ICU to contribute to its TEF provider submission.
4. That the primary initial legislative impact of TEF ratings will be to determine which universities are permitted to increase their tuition fees.
5. That existing union policy, backed by member polling, is opposed to the marketisation of higher education and the raising of tuition fees.

ICU Believes:

1. That as the TEF provider submission is a new process, engaging with it is an active choice rather than maintenance of the status quo.
2. That the TEF provider submission is effectively a “sales pitch” for the ability to increase tuition fees, rather than an investigative process.
3. That our responsibility to accurately represent members' teaching concerns is incompatible with contribution to such a document.
4. That actively choosing to assist in a process which seeks to justify increased tuition fees is incompatible with union policy and the wishes of our members.

ICU Resolves:

1. To respectfully decline to contribute to College's TEF provider submission.