

## **2338 Developing Teaching Skills program**

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### **Council Notes**

1. Developing Teaching Skills (DTS) is a programme offered by the Centre for Staff and Educational Development at UEA currently offered to Postgraduate Research Students (PGRs).
2. DTS will not be offered after the 2018/2019 academic year.
3. DTS is a stand-alone Masters module that enables PGRs to gain teaching skills, which is required by some schools to uphold the quality of teaching.
4. The 'save DTS petition' has been signed by a hundred people so far.

### **Council Believes**

1. The lack of DTS will negatively impact the quality of training available to PGRs.
2. A decrease in the quality of training for PGRs will lower the quality of teaching provided by Associate Tutors (ATs).
3. It is unacceptable to cut the provision of DTS, without an equivalent alternative provided.
4. UEA should seek to expand and improve training provision equivalent to DTS, rather than reduce it.
5. Online training is not equivalent to DTS. It should therefore not be regarded as an equivalent alternative, but as an add on to a DTS-equivalent.

### **Council Resolves**

1. To mandate the Postgraduate and Undergraduate Education Officers to support the DTS petition.
2. To mandate the Postgraduate and Undergraduate Education Officers to lobby the university to retain the DTS provision or to provide an equivalent alternative for 2019/2020.
3. To mandate the Postgraduate and Undergraduate Education Officers to lobby the university to expand and improve DTS-equivalent training provision for ATs beyond 2019/2020.