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Whereas, Undergraduate Teaching assistants would provide a plethora of benefits to both students and faculty.

Whereas, Undergraduate Teaching Assistants hereby referred to as UTA's would help culminate a better working relationship and line of communication between professors and students.

Whereas, UTA's already exist in many classes taught in Watson and School of Management.

Whereas, it is essential to increase and/or begin having them in Harpur, Decker and College of communication and Public Affairs.

Whereas, students who were chosen to be UTA's would need to have obtained a certain grade which will be determined by department or professor.

Whereas, these students would receive credit for their work.

Whereas, this opportunity provides students the chance to network with professors and make connections with students with similar interests.

Whereas, these connections could later be useful in terms of research opportunities.

Whereas, by being a UTA, it provides the student with leadership experience which is immensely important.

Whereas, students enrolled in the class would benefit from advice from students who have recently taken the class and done well.

Whereas, connecting with UTA's could help students get more involved and find out about other opportunities or clubs on campus.

Whereas, professors and graduate Teaching Assistants, although they can help students understand the material, cannot always provide the input to help students clarify difficult material or tricks to doing well.

Whereas, there will be one UTA per a maximum of one per 25-35 students.

Whereas, each time a student is a UTA the number of credit will decrease: from four to two to volunteer services respectively.

Resolved, that all schools will begin incorporating UTA's in classes.



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Resolved, that these students would receive credit for their work.

Resolved, that departments will work to ensure these opportunities are advertised to their students.

Resolved, that restrictions on who can apply based on grades earned are set by the department.

Impact Statement:

The purpose of this legislation is to have UTA's that will help both the students in these leadership positions, professors as well as the students taking the course. Since this is a procedure done in classes already, adding it to others provides more opportunities for students. It provides more help for students in the class, more research and networking opportunities and generally will be beneficial for all people involved.