

# Sheridan

**TO:** Higher Education Quality Council of Ontario  
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**DATE:** August 31, 2020  
**RE:** FREE SPEECH ANNUAL REPORTS

## Sheridan College Free Speech Annual Report

August 1, 2019 – July 31, 2020

### **Institutional Policy**

Sheridan's free speech policy remains the same as was reported in 2019, and has been broadly communicated to employees and students, emphasizing the policy's consistency with our commitment to respectful discourse and debate, professionalism, civility and freedom of expression.

### **Contact Information for Free Speech-Related Questions and Complaints**

We have shared the following email address with our community to report any freedom of speech-related concerns: [freedomofspeech@sheridancollege.ca](mailto:freedomofspeech@sheridancollege.ca). Related concerns may also be submitted to our Office of Equity, Diversity and Inclusion at [edi@sheridancollege.ca](mailto:edi@sheridancollege.ca)

### **Policy on Holding Events with Potential Security Concerns**

Our Security and Risk Management Team reviews all events scheduled on campus and plans accordingly for any security-related concerns. There were no instances in the past year where a non-curricular event did not proceed as scheduled.

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## **Freedom of Speech Complaints**

There were no official complaints submitted between August 1, 2019 and July 31, 2020. As such, the summary data requested does not apply.

## **Non-curricular Events Held at Sheridan between August 1, 2019 and July 31, 2020**

During this period, approximately 100 non-curricular events took place, including sports, guest speakers on a variety of subjects, and conference facility rentals.