

# Sheridan

**TO:** Higher Education Quality Council of Ontario  
**FROM:** Joan Sweeney Marsh, AVP Integrated Learning Services, Sheridan College  
**DATE:** August 31, 2021  
**RE:** FREE SPEECH ANNUAL REPORTS

## Sheridan College Free Speech Annual Report

August 1, 2020 – July 31, 2021

### Institutional Policy

Sheridan's free speech policy remains the same as was reported in 2020, 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, 2020 and July 31, 2021. As such, the summary data requested does not apply.

Note: One complaint was made to the [freedomofspeech@sheridancollge.ca](mailto:freedomofspeech@sheridancollge.ca) email address, however it was related to an incident involving hate speech and was managed through other procedures in the college.

## Non-curricular Events Held at Sheridan between August 1, 2020 and July 31, 2021

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