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TO: Higher Education Quality Council of Ontario
FROM: Joan Sweeney Marsh, AVP Integrated Learning Services, Sheridan College
DATE: August 31, 2022
RE: FREE SPEECH ANNUAL REPORT

Sheridan College Free Speech Annual Report

August 1, 2021 – July 31, 2022

Institutional Policy

Sheridan's free speech policy remains the same as was reported in 2020 and 2021, 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. Related concerns may also be submitted to our Office of Equity, Diversity and Inclusion at 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, 2021 and July 31, 2022. As such, the summary data requested does not apply.

Note: There was one situation where complaints were made to the College related to hate speech. This was managed through other procedures including a direct response from the President and a public reiteration of Sheridan's [commitment to freedom of expression](#).

Non-curricular Events Held at Sheridan between August 1, 2021 and July 31, 2022

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