

FREE SPEECH ANNUAL REPORT – SEPTEMBER 1, 2020¹

Institutional Policy

Has your institution amended its free speech policy (or policy framework) since the time of your 2019 report? If so, please explain the reason for the change and provide the link to its location on your institutional website.

No.

Where are members of the institutional community (or guests) directed when there is a free speech related question or complaint about an event on campus? Please provide contact information.

Questions or complaints are directed to the office of the General Counsel and Corporate Secretary.

What is your institution's policy on holding events where there are security concerns? To your knowledge, were there any instances where a non-curricular event did not proceed due to security concerns or their related costs?

Mohawk College reserves the right to reasonably regulate the time, place and manner of freedom of expression to ensure that it does not disrupt normal college operations and ordinary college activities or endanger the safety of others. In its discretion, Mohawk College may require security to ensure the personal safety of students, staff, visitors and guests.

To the best of our knowledge, one event was rescheduled from a time when security costs were required to a time when they were not required.

¹ Covering the period August 1, 2019 to July 31, 2020.

Complaints

Between **August 1, 2019** and **July 31, 2020**, did any member of the institutional community (or guests) make an official complaint about free speech on campus? If yes, please describe.

On September 27, 2019, Mohawk College received a formal letter from the Justice Centre for Constitutional Freedoms urging Mohawk College to rescind security fees relating to an event to be held by the People's Party of Canada at Mohawk College on September 29, 2019. Mohawk College replied, confirming that the security fees had been agreed to by the People's Party of Canada; the event proceeded as scheduled.

If there has been an official complaint (or more than one):

What were the issues under consideration? Please identify any points of contention (e.g., security costs, safety, student unions and/or groups, operational requirements, etc.).

Please see above.

How did the institution manage the free speech complaint(s)? Was the complaint addressed using the procedures set out in the policy? How were issues resolved?

Please see above.

Summary Data

Please provide the following summary data for free-speech-related official complaints received by the institution:

Number of official complaints received under the free speech policy relating to curricular and non-curricular events.	1
Number of official complaints reviewed that were dismissed.	1
Number of official complaints where the institution determined that the free speech policy was not followed appropriately.	0
Number of official complaints under the free speech policy that resulted in the institution applying disciplinary or other institutional measures.	0
To your knowledge, were any free speech complaints forwarded to the Ontario Ombudsman?	No

To the best of your ability, please provide an estimate of the number of **non-curricular events** held at the institution between **August 1, 2019 and July 31, 2020**. Non-curricular events include, for example, invited speakers, sporting events, rallies, conferences, etc., as opposed to regular events held as part of an academic program or course.

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