

FREE SPEECH ANNUAL REPORT – SEPTEMBER 1, 2019*

Institutional Culture & Policies

In the wake of the government’s requirement for institutional free speech policies, has there been ongoing debate or dialogue on campus with regard to freedom of speech?

No

Have institutional practices changed as a result of the free speech policy? For example, has the new free speech policy led to a re-examination or amendment of other institutional policies? If yes, please describe.

The college’s policy relating to the third party use of college facilities was revised in 2016 in light of events that raised issues of freedom of expression. As a result of the new free speech policy, the college is reviewing whether any associated policies may be required.

Now that your free speech policy has been in effect for a period of time, have any issues emerged that would cause you to re-evaluate or amend your existing policy? If so, please describe.

The college, in conjunction with the other 23 publicly-funded Ontario colleges of applied arts and technology, will undertake a review of the new free speech policy in the fall of 2019.

Events

To the best of your ability, please provide an estimate of the number of non-curriculum events that have been held at the institution since January 1, 2019.

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Is there a designated office at the institution where members of the institutional community (or guests) are directed when there is a free speech related question or complaint about an event on campus?

Questions are directed to the General Counsel and Corporate Secretary.

How did your institution navigate free speech related cost and/or safety concerns related to events on campus?

No such concerns were raised.

To your knowledge, were there any instances where a non-curriculum event did not proceed due to these concerns?

No

Complaints

Have any organized campus events or incidents on campus – curricular or non-curricular – caused members of the institutional community (or guests) to make an official complaint about free speech on campus?

No