Freedom of Speech Annual Report – August 30, 2022

Section A: Institutional Policy

Has your institution amended its free speech policy (or policy framework) since the time of your 2021 report? If so, please explain the reason for the change and provide the link to its location on your institutional website.

> There have been no changes made to OCAD University's free speech policy framework since the time of the 2021 report.

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

> In general, queries regarding specific events may be raised with the event organizers. Offices that may be contacted to respond to questions or concerns regarding the violation of a University policy or code of conduct in relation to free speech include the Office of People and Culture (for complaints against faculty/staff), the Office of Diversity, Equity and Sustainability Initiatives, or the Office of the Vice-Provost, Students & International (for complaints against students).
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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?

> Where security concerns in regard to an event or incident are raised, the Office of Safety, Security and Campus Operations conducts a risk assessment to respond to any safety and security concerns.
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> After thorough polling, the University is unaware of any instances where a non-curricular event did not proceed due to security concerns or their related costs.

Section B: Complaints

You may append additional documentation or institution-specific information as you see fit.

Between **August 1, 2021** and **July 31, 2022**, did any member of the institutional community (or guests) make an official complaint about free speech? If yes, please provide a general description that protects the privacy of complainants.

> The University is unaware of any official complaints made regarding free speech from members of the institutional community or guests in relation to any non-curricular or curricular events held during the reporting period.

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.).

> N/A

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?

> N/A

Section C: 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.	0
Number of official complaints reviewed that did not proceed.	0
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, 2021 and July 31, 2022**. Non-curricular events include, for example, invited speakers, sporting events, rallies, student life/student affairs events, conferences, etc., as opposed to regular events held as part of an academic program or course.

*We acknowledge the difficulty of tracking events held remotely due to campus closures caused by the pandemic and recognize that institutions may be unable to provide a response to this question for 2021-22.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, events were held in the virtual environment, wherever possible. OCAD University held approximately 357 non-curricular events during the reporting period

Institutional Comments (if any).

N/A