**Freedom of Speech Annual Report Trent University**

**Section A: Institutional Policy**

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

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 amendments to this policy since the prior report.

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.

The President’s Office is the primary contact for the policy. For complaint resolution, complaints against students fall under the Student Charter of Rights and Responsibilities. Complaints against faculty or staff complaints fall under the appropriate collective agreements/HR policies.

Policy contact information: Brenda Blackburn, Office of the President, [bblackburn@trentu.ca](mailto:bblackburn@trentu.ca)

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?

Any security and safety concerns related to university events are reviewed by Campus Security & Risk Management, and student events by the Office of the Associate Vice President Students.

There were no instances in 2019-2020 where an event did not proceed due to security concerns or costs.

Under our Student Risk Assessment Process, four events reviewed (out of 443 total) were not approved. One was because of late submission, and three were because of alcohol over-consumption safety concerns.

**Section B: Complaints**

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

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.

There were no official complaints about free speech on campus between August 1, 2019 and July 31, 2020.

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:

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| Number of official complaints received under the free speech policy relating to curricular and non-curricular events. | 0 |
| Number of official complaints reviewed that were dismissed. | 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, 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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| **Department/Approval Centre** | **Number of events** |
| Student group events (through risk assessment) | 439 |
| Student services | 178 |
| Housing | 184 |
| Colleges | 174 |
| Athletics Varsity Home Games | 20 |
| External Groups | 30 |
| Trent University Durham (total) | 358 |
| **Estimated Total Events** | **1,383** |

Institutional Comments (if any).

N/A