

APPENDIX A

UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO GOVERNING COUNCIL DOCUMENTS RELATING TO FREEDOM OF SPEECH

Note: the extracts from the following policies are representative, and not compendious.

I. Documents of General Application

1. *Statement on Freedom of Speech (1992)*¹ (“In policies approved by the Governing Council, the University community has held that the essential purpose of the University is to engage in the pursuit of truth, the advancement of learning and the dissemination of knowledge. To achieve this purpose, all members of the University must have as a prerequisite freedom of speech and expression, which means the right to examine, question, investigate, speculate, and comment on any issue without reference to prescribed doctrine, as well as the right to criticize the University and society at large.”)
2. *Statement of Institutional Purpose (1992)*² (“Within the unique university context, the most crucial of all human rights are the rights of freedom of speech, academic freedom, and freedom of research. And we affirm that these rights are meaningless unless they entail the right to raise deeply disturbing questions and provocative challenges to the cherished beliefs of society at large and of the university itself.”)

II. Documents Applying Freedom of Speech in Specific Contexts

1. *Policy on the Disruption of Meetings (1992)*³ (“Every member of the University is obligated to uphold freedom of speech...”)

¹ Online:
<<https://governingcouncil.utoronto.ca/secretariat/policies/freedom-speech-statement-may-28-1992>>.

² Online:
<https://governingcouncil.utoronto.ca/secretariat/policies/institutional-purpose-statement-october-15-1992>
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³ Online:
<https://governingcouncil.utoronto.ca/secretariat/policies/disruption-meetings-policy-formerly-policy-protection-freedom-speech-january>>.

2. *Statement on Equity, Diversity and Excellence* (2006)⁴ (“Excellence at the University of Toronto is predicated on core freedoms that are at the heart of every university’s mission - freedom of speech and expression, academic freedom and freedom of research”)
3. *Policy on the Temporary Use of Space at the University of Toronto* (2010)⁵ (“One core value is a commitment to freedom of expression and open dialogue.”)
4. *Policy on Open, Accessible and Democratic Autonomous Student Organizations* (2016)⁶ (“The University of Toronto holds freedom of thought, inquiry and speech as among its highest ideals, and such freedoms apply to its student body.”)

⁴ Online:

<https://governingcouncil.utoronto.ca/secretariat/policies/equity-diversity-and-excellence-statement-december-14-2006>>.

⁵ Online:

<<https://governingcouncil.utoronto.ca/secretariat/policies/space-university-toronto-policy-temporary-use-october-28-2010>>.

⁶ Online: <

<https://governingcouncil.utoronto.ca/secretariat/policies/student-organizations-policy-open-accessible-and-democratic-autonomous-july-1>>.