



Senate

Statement on Respectful Dialogue and Freedom of Expression

Brock University affirms that it is the function of a university to contribute directly to building a civil society locally and globally and that freedom of thought, association and expression are critical components of a democratic and civil society. Since its inception, Brock has expressed its commitment to the values of diversity and inclusiveness, understanding the importance of creating a dynamic learning community.

A community where teaching, research and academic freedom will flourish includes an environment where freedom of expression, speech, association and belief is safeguarded and exercised in a culture of mutual respect; where an open exchange of diverse points of views is encouraged; and where every member of the community, including guests and visitors, is able to work, live, teach and learn free from harassment and discrimination.

In order to ensure that all members of our community have the right to examine, discuss, debate and communicate freely, including the right to criticize aspects of society in general and the University itself, the University acknowledges its responsibility to uphold the principles expressed in this statement and to develop implementation strategies that will ensure the lawful protection of these rights and principles.

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