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## Senate

Paper Title	Freedom of Speech Policy
Outcome requested	Senate is asked to <b>note</b> that Queen Mary's policy on <u>Freedom of Speech</u> will be reviewed at the June 2019 meeting of Senate.  The Equality and Human Rights Commission has published <u>legal guidance on freedom of expression</u> . The guidance will be considered by the Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Committee in advance of the June meeting of Senate.
Points for Senate members to note and further information	Senate last reviewed the Freedom of Speech Policy in October 2017.
Questions for Senate to consider	If members wish to provide any comments on the Freedom of Speech Policy, or the EHRC guidance, please forward these to Jane Pallant ( <u>i.pallant@qmul.ac.uk</u> ) by the 9 <sup>th</sup> May 2019.
Regulatory/statutory reference points	The Policy relates to a number of key pieces of UK legislation, as noted in the document.
Strategy and risk	The Policy is aligned with Queen Mary's values. Freedom of Speech and expression are central to the defining purpose of the institution and as such it underpins all academic activity.
Reporting/ consideration route for the paper	Senate to review and consider any proposed amendments.  Any revisions will be approved by Senate and reported to Council.
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