

Freedom of Speech Annual Report

Laurentian University

August 1, 2023 – July 31, 2024

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 2023 report? If so, please explain the reason for the change and provide the link to its location on your institutional website.

The Laurentian University Policy on the Freedom of Speech (Freedom of Expression) has not been amended since the time of our last report. A link to the Policy can be found here: <https://laurentian.ca/news/statements/policy-freedom-of->

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.

Questions or complaints relating to free speech can be directed to the Working Group members for review, facilitated by Shannon Goffin at sgoffin@laurentian.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?

The University supports Freedom of Expression (Freedom of Speech) on its campus. The University's room booking process aims to determine the level of security that may be needed to ensure the security of all participants and speakers. To our knowledge, there were no events cancelled 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, 2023** and **July 31, 2024**, 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.

There have been no official complaints about Freedom of Expression (Freedom of Speech) at Laurentian University during this 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

