

**Annual Report**  
**Freedom of Speech – Laurentian University**  
**August 1, 2019 to July 31, 2020**

**Section A: Institutional Policy**

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.

Laurentian University's Freedom of Speech (Freedom of Expression) policy was the topic of discussion by members of the Freedom of Speech (Freedom of Expression) Working Group and by the University's Executive Committee. No changes were recommended.

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.

All questions or complaints relating to the University's Freedom of Speech (Freedom of Expression) Policy are directed to the Chair of the University's Freedom of Speech (Freedom of Expression) Working Group, Dr. Yves Pelletier ([ypelletier@laurentian.ca](mailto:ypelletier@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, 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 have been no 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

## Section C: Summary Data

Please provide the following summary data for free-speech-related official complaints received by the institution:

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.	N/A
Number of official complaints where the institution determined that the free speech policy was not followed appropriately.	N/A
Number of official complaints under the free speech policy that resulted in the institution applying disciplinary or other institutional measures.	N/A
To your knowledge, were any free speech complaints forwarded to the Ontario Ombudsman?	N/A

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.

Our Conference and Event Services team confirms that 2,401 non-curricular events took place on our campus between August 1, 2019 and July 31, 2020.

Institutional Comments (if any).