

# Freedom of Speech Annual Report

Laurentian University

August 1, 2024 – July 31, 2025

## 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 2024 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-speech>

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 O'Neill at [seoneill@laurentian.ca](mailto:seoneill@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, no non-curricular events were 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, 2024** and **July 31, 2025**, 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

## 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 did not proceed.	0
Number of official complaints where the institution determined that the free speech policy was not followed appropriately.	0
Number of official complaints under the free speech policy that resulted in the institution applying disciplinary or other institutional measures.	0
To your knowledge, were any free speech complaints forwarded to the Ontario Ombudsman?	Unknown

To the best of your ability, please provide an estimate of the number of **non-curricular events** held at the institution either online or in person between **August 1, 2024 and July 31, 2025**. Non-curricular events include, for example, invited speakers, sporting events, rallies, student life/student affairs events, conferences, etc., as opposed to regular events held as part of an academic program or course.

1,241 non-curricular events took non-curricular events took place on our campus between August 1, 2024 and July 31, 2025.

Institutional Comments (if any).