

St. Lawrence College

Freedom of Speech Annual Report

The following is the St. Lawrence College annual report on the implementation of our free speech policy. It reports on events or incidents that took place between **August 1, 2020** and **July 31, 2021**.

Section A: Institutional Policy

[St. Lawrence College free speech policy – found here](#)

Has your institution amended its free speech policy (or policy framework) since the time of your 2020 report? If so, please explain the reason for the change and provide the link to its location on your institutional website.

[There have been no changes to the SLC free speech policy or framework since its inception.](#)

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.

[Anyone with a question or complaint related to free speech at St. Lawrence College is directed to the office of the Senior Vice-President, Strategy, Communications, and Advancement.](#)

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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?

Policy on holding events with possible security concerns:

- Risk assessment would be conducted relying on internal and external data/input gathering
- Evaluation of organizational ability to mitigate any safety or security risks using available resources both in-house and external

There were no declined or denied events.

Section B: Complaints

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 or concerns related to free speech on any St. Lawrence College campus, from a member of our community or guests.

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.	None
Number of official complaints reviewed that were dismissed.	None
Number of official complaints where the institution determined that the free speech policy was not followed appropriately.	None
Number of official complaints under the free speech policy that resulted in the institution applying disciplinary or other institutional measures.	None
To your knowledge, were any free speech complaints forwarded to the Ontario Ombudsman?	No

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.

Outdoor Soccer (hosted off campus due to poor conditions on the SLC field): 9 games

Men's Rugby: 2 games

Basketball: 17 games

Total: 28 games

600 student engagement/life events put on during the time period being reported.