

**University of Windsor
Freedom of Expression/Speech Annual Report
for the period 2019-2020**

**submitted to:
Higher Education Quality Council of Ontario (HEQCO)**

HEQCO Reporting Template

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 2019 report? If so, please explain the reason for the change and provide the link to its location on your institutional website.

UWindsor Response:
There have been no changes to the University of Windsor's free speech policy (or policy framework) since the time of the 2019 report.

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.

UWindsor Response:
Typically, free speech related questions or complaints are directed to either our Office of Student Experience, our Office of Human Rights, Equity and Accessibility, or Campus Community Police. These offices also communicate with central administration as necessary.

Office of Student Experience
519-253-3000 Ext. 4211
studentexperience@uwindsor.ca

Office of Human Rights, Equity and Accessibility
(519) 253-3000 ext. 3400
ohrea@uwindsor.ca

Campus Community Police
(519) 253-3000 ext. 1234

The University of Windsor also has created a **Freedom of Expression website** (<https://www.uwindsor.ca/provost/expression>) to help our campus community deal with frequently asked questions (FAQs) about freedom of expression and event booking at the University of Windsor.

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?

UWindsor Response:

Cost and/or safety concerns regarding freedom of expression and the booking of events on campus are borne by the individual(s) who are booking those events. Guidance is available via our event booking website and our Freedom of Expression FAQs website.

To our knowledge, there were no instances where a non-curricular event did not proceed 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.

UWindsor Response:

There have been no incidents of curricular or non-curricular events on campus during this reporting period that caused any member of the institutional community (or guests) to make an official complaint about free speech or free expression on campus.

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.).

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?

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
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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?	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.

According to our Campus Services office, the University of Windsor hosted approximately 40 events that were non-curricular. (The number is significantly lower than prior years due to COVID-19.) Some of these were multiple bookings from the same client, so this does not represent a total of 40 separate clients.

Institutional Comments (if any).