

**Algoma University Annual Report: Implementation of *Freedom of Expression Policy* (Policy AD4, December 21, 2018)**

This report covers the period **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.

No

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.

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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?

Such events are considered on a case by case basis by the senior administration.

No, to my knowledge, there were no instances where a non-curricular event did not proceed due to security concerns or their related costs.

## 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.

*No. For the remainder of this section, no response is given as there were no complaints.*

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
Number of official complaints reviewed that were dismissed.	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?	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.

Estimated 28 non-curricular events  Normally there are approximately 5 per month, fewer in summer. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, all Algoma University campuses were closed on or around March 16, 2020.
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Institutional Comments (if any).

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