



## Freedom of Speech Annual Report

September 1, 2021

### Section A: Institutional Policy

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.

St. Clair College has not changed its free speech policy since our 2020 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.

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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?

When a request is made to the College, the event details are presented to the Senior Operations Group for review and discussion. Any requirements regarding security needs would be discussed with the Associate VP, Safety, Security and Facilities Management. A review of security needs and costs for the event would be forwarded to Senior Administration for approval.

There have not been any 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, 2020** and **July 31, 2021**, did any member of the institutional community (or guests) make an official complaint about free speech on campus? If yes, please describe.

The College did not receive any official complaints about free speech on campus between August 1, 2020 and July 31, 2021.

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:

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| 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?   | None |

To the best of your ability, please provide an estimate of the number of **non-curricular events** held at the institution between **August 1, 2020 and July 31, 2021**. 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.

There were approximately 50 virtual non-curricular events that have been hosted by our two student governments. In Windsor, it is the Student Representative Council (SRC) and the Thames Students Incorporated (TSI) is in Chatham. The third student group is the Saints Student Athletic Association who facilitate the athletics at the College.

Institutional Comments (if any).

The College has been closed to public events during the COVID 19 pandemic.  
The Alumni Association sponsors and hosts many community events on both campuses throughout the year.