

## Freedom of Speech Annual Report (2026)

### Section A: Institutional Policy

Has your institution amended its free speech policy (or policy framework) since the time of your 2025 report? If so, please explain the reason for the change and provide the link to its location on your institutional website.

Loyalist College has not made any changes to its existing Policy Statement on Upholding Free Speech but will continue to review the Statement and related policies regularly.

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.

Members of the Loyalist College community or guests are directed to the Office of the President if there are any free-speech related questions or complaints.

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?

We follow established guidelines that ensure the event:

- will be safe for those involved and the larger Loyalist College community;
- does not prevent Loyalist College students from the enjoyment of their academics or student life (i.e., one may not solicit students, if they wish to attend that is fine but you cannot solicit);
- does not have the potential to physically damage the college grounds or facilities;
- is conducted during normal operating hours of the college; and
- does not violate any laws, by-laws, fire codes, etc.

No events were denied due to security concerns or their related costs.

## Section B: Complaints

Between **August 1, 2025**, and **July 31, 2026**, 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.

No official complaints about free speech on Loyalist College campuses were received 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.).

Not applicable.

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?

Not applicable.

### 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.                              | 0                        |
| Number of official complaints reviewed that did not proceed.                                                                                       | 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, not to our knowledge |

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, 2025, and July 31, 2026**. 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.

Approximately 690 non-curricular events were held at Loyalist College between August 1, 2025, and July 31, 2026.

Institutional Comments (if any).