

TO: University of Southern California Students
FROM: Graduate Student Government Executive Board
Undergraduate Student Government Executive Team
DATE: June 16, 2018
RE: Update and Additional Resources for Students

Dear University of Southern California Students,

This week, Graduate Student Government (GSG) and Undergraduate Student Government (USG) representatives met with members of the University administration to discuss the questions and requests raised with our joint statement released on May 25th, 2018¹. The administrators in attendance were from Academic Affairs, Student Affairs, Office of Equity & Diversity and Title IX, Student Health, and Student Engagement.

In this conversation, administrators presented us with their accounts and thoughts on what exactly led to their failure to adequately address the complaints about the former staff gynecologist for many years, including: flawed reporting processes, the federalization of USC which keeps many offices and schools siloed from one another, and unclear termination procedures. Several administrative holes have already been identified by the administration, and initiatives, such as the President's Action Plan² and the formation of a centralized compliance office, will establish positions responsible for investigating harassment, developing a University-wide professionalism and ethics standard, and exploring which policy violations can result in immediate termination without severance. We have been assured that students will be involved in these discussions and have a place in related decision-making bodies.

GSG and USG will continue working with these administrators to seek and review other processes that may fail to protect students. In the meantime, we have learned of several new resources that are available for current or former students that have been impacted - the Callisto reporting system and free external counseling services, included on the next page.

Additionally, we have been in contact with Board of Trustees Chair Rick Caruso and will be meeting with him and his officers soon to discuss the student role and voice in the selection of USC's next president.

As we proceed with follow-up meetings with the Human Resources Division, the Office of the General Counsel, USC Student Health, and more, we welcome any input from students regarding these matters. We are here to represent you and ask questions on your behalf. Please send your comments and concerns to GSG at gsgpres@usc.edu and USG at usgpres@usc.edu.

¹ GSG and USG Statement - Support for Affected Students at USC, May 25, 2018.
tinyurl.com/gsgusgtyndall

² Action Plan from President C. L. Max Nikias, May 22, 2018.
actionplan.usc.edu/files/2018/05/USC-community_5.22.18.pdf

Updated Resources for Students

If you, or anyone you know, was impacted by Tyndall's actions and abuse, or have experienced harassment from others, there are various avenues of reporting or pursuing charges available to you:

Reporting Options

All reports to the University have the options of being anonymous and/or having relevant information forwarded to the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD). Reports can be made to USC Compliance Reporting over the phone at **(833) 889-8833** or online at usc.mycompliancereport.com.

Other reporting options at USC can be found at titleix.usc.edu/reporting-options. Students looking to document or report sexual assault or unwanted sexual contact have access to [Callisto](#), an online system that has flexible options and the ability to identify repeat offenders. This reporting mechanism is anonymous to USC, and identifiable information is only sent to Title IX with your explicit permission.

Reports made directly to LAPD will not have details shared with the University. LAPD may notify the University that they received a new complaint; however, no additional information will be shared. Students may contact them to help in their investigation at **(877) 275-5273**.

Counseling Services

Current and former students also have access to free counseling with a provider of their choosing, which can be found through a third party service external to the USC Student Health Centers. Praesidium can be contacted over the phone at **(888) 961-9273**, through email at helpline@praesidiuminc.com, or online at website.praesidiuminc.com/wp/usc.

Students can also contact USC Counseling Services at **(213) 740-7711** for those on University Park Campus or **(323) 442-5631** for those on Health Sciences Campus. Additional crisis and group support services can be found at engemannshc.usc.edu/counseling.

Sincerely,

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