



USG Undergraduate
Student Government

TO: University of Southern California Students
University of Southern California Alumni

FROM: Graduate Student Government Executive Board
Undergraduate Student Government Executive Team

DATE: October 23, 2018

RE: Reminder of Resources for Current and Former Students

Dear University of Southern California Students and Alumni,

Last week, the University reached a \$215 million class action settlement to compensate students who were abused by former gynecologist Tyndall. According to the University's statement, patients are eligible for between \$2,500 and \$250,000 in compensation.¹

Though certainly a "measured" step in the right direction, this compensation will only provide temporary relief for many class members; it may not be sufficient to compensate for medical services to treat for experienced trauma as a result of the assault, and it excludes those who cannot sufficiently speak or write about their experiences without triggering, reliving, or otherwise re-experiencing any trauma and/or post-traumatic stress, or those who choose not to do so. Moreover, the settlement is not sufficient in fully addressing the risk to which students were exposed nor the sexual violence students were forced to experience.

We call upon the University to fully admit fault in the handling of Tyndall, issue a formal apology for leaving students at risk and exposing them to sexual violence, and continue identifying and providing external resources for students impacted.

Graduate Student Government and Undergraduate Student Government will continue to work with University administrators, the Staff Assembly, and the Academic Senate to ensure USC keeps moving in a direction that prioritizes student safety and well-being, with the hope that this collaboration will improve the lives of all members of the Trojan Family.

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.

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¹ Class Action Settlement from Interim President Wanda M. Austin, October 19, 2018, change.usc.edu/settlement.

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 receiving support services available to you: studenthealth.usc.edu/rsvp/current-and-former-student-support-resources

External Reporting Options and non-USC Counseling Services

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**.

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.

For confidential support and more information regarding available resources, local laws, and steps toward healing and recovery, anyone can call the National Sexual Assault Hotline at **(800) 656-HOPE**.