

COUNCIL OF GRADUATE STUDENTS
Michigan State University

Resolution: 18-SS-22

Title: Resolution supporting a vote of no confidence in MSU's Board of Trustees

Introduced by: GWC, President Fuente, Past President Jordan **Introduced on:** February 4, 2018

Supported by: Executive Board 2017-18

**THE COUNCIL OF GRADUATE STUDENTS OF MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY
ENACTS:**

WHEREAS, The Spartan community, including students and faculty in East Lansing and alumni across the nation, is devastated that Michigan State University has been the home of decades of egregious crimes committed by Larry Nassar, impacting countless lives with his actions;

WHEREAS, Scores of courageous survivors of campus sexual assault and relationship violence, including survivors of Larry Nassar, were failed by the administration of Michigan State University;

WHEREAS, The Council of Graduate Students is committed to preventing instances of campus sexual assault, harassment or abuse, and institutional neglect and condescension;

RECOGNIZING, The flawed administrative structure that has placed political expediency and institutional branding above the need to regain the trust of the greater MSU community and to promote healing of those who have suffered at the hands of sexual predators such as Larry Nassar;

RECOGNIZING, The Board's decision to hastily appoint an Interim President who does not reflect the needs and values of the MSU community, which blatantly ignores feedback from students and faculty during "for optics" only meetings, and perpetuates further distrust in MSU's ability to be a leader for healing and real change;

RECOGNIZING, That the Council of Graduate Students stands with the Faculty, Residential Housing Association, Graduate Employees Union and all others in the Spartan Community in their condemnation of The Board of Trustees and their sustained failures;

BE IT RESOLVED, That a vote of no confidence in the Board of Trustees is warranted based on their history of poor decision-making and lack of transparency as evidenced by their most recent actions;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Council of Graduate Students calls for the immediate removal of John Engler as Interim President and demands the subsequent resignation of each Trustee, effective immediately;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution will take effect at the end of the Full Council meeting in which it was adopted.


INTRODUCED ON:

VOTE TOTALS:

53 FOR

2 AGAINST

1 ABSTAIN



Recording Secretary



President