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C. L. Max Nikias Vakası

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C. L. Max Nikias

Kimdir

- Chrysostomos Loizos "Max" Nikias, Kıbrıs kökenli Amerikalı bir akademisyendir.
- **Doğum Yılı: 1952.**

Akademik Hayatı

- BSc, Atina Ulusal Teknik Üniversitesi , Yunanistan, 1977
- MSc, New York Eyalet Üniversitesi, ABD, 1980
- PhD, New York Eyalet Üniversitesi, ABD, 1982

Kariyer

- 1980'lerin sonuna kadar Sayısal İşaret İşleme, Akustik İşaret İşleme gibi dersler verdi.
- 1991 tarihinde Güney Kaliforniya Üniversitesi (University of South California, USC) kariyeri başladı.

Tablo. Nikias'ın USC Kariyeri

Tarih	Görev
1991-1995	Profesör
1996-2001	Kurucu Direktör (Integrated Media Systems Center, IMSC)
2001-2005	Dekan (Viterbi Mühendislik Okulu)
2005-2010	Rektör Yardımcısı
2010-2018	Rektör

**C. L. Max Nikias**

Bazı Ödüller

- Member of the National Academy of Engineering (NAE) (2008)
- Fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences (2013)
- Charter Fellow of the National Academy of Inventors (NAI) (2012)
- Associate Member of the Academy of Athens (2016)
- Foreign Member of the Russian Academy of Sciences (2017)
- Life Fellow of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE)
- Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) (2007)
- IEEE Simon Ramo Medal (2008)
- Academic Leadership Award from Carnegie Corporation of New York (2015)
- The Ellis Island Medal of Honor (2016)

Akademik Tecrübe

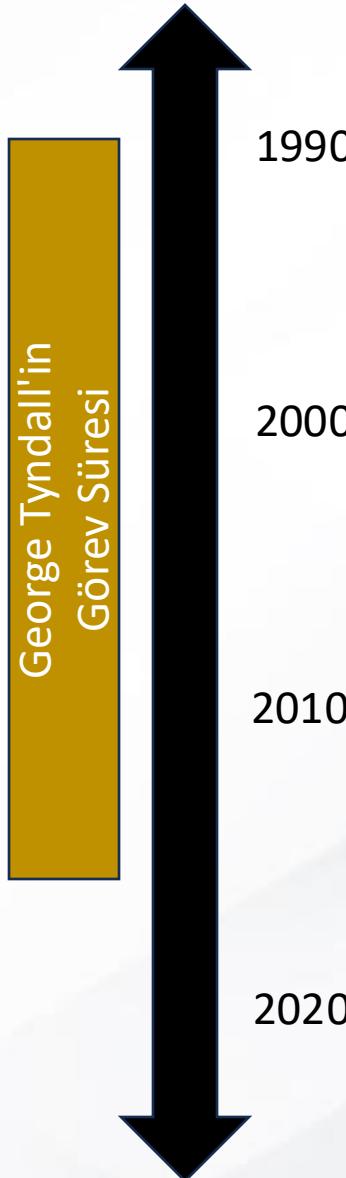
- 23 PhD Tezi
- 17 MS Tezi
- 7 Doktora Sonrası Araştırma

Bazı Çalışmalar

- Janghoon Yang, "Blind Multi-user Detection from Single-Sensor based on HigherOrder Statistics," Ph.D. Thesis, University of Southern California. (Supervised since September 1998.)
- John Bodenshaz, "Adaptive Signal Processing with a Stable Methods for Communication Receivers," Ph.D. Thesis, University of Southern California. October 1998 (Supervised since September 1994.)
- Ece Saygun, "Adaptive Signal Processing with the Gradually Increasing Filter Length (GRINFIL) Method," Ph.D. Thesis, University of Southern California. October 1998 (Supervised since September 1994.)

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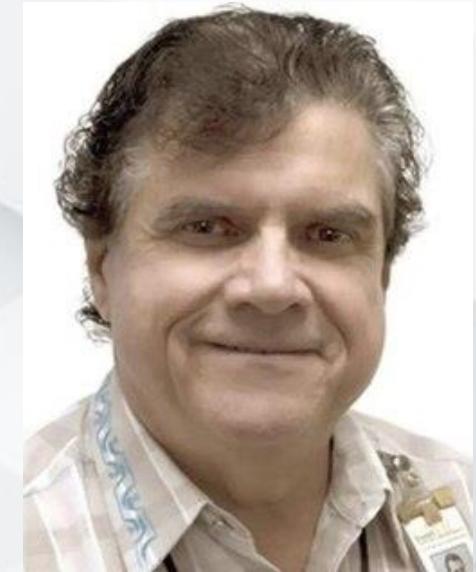


Skandallar



Carmen Puliafito

- Göz Doktoru
- USC-Keck Tıp Fakültesi Dekanı



George Tyndall

- Jinekolog



Carmen Puliafito

- **Göz Doktoru**
- **USC-Keck Tıp Fakültesi Dekanı (2007-2016)**

Carmen Puliafito Skandalı

CALIFORNIA

An overdose, a young companion, drug-fueled parties: The secret life of a USC med school dean

In USC's lecture halls, labs and executive offices, Dr. Carmen A. Puliafito was a towering figure. The dean of the Keck School of Medicine was a renowned eye surgeon whose skill in the operating room was matched by a gift for attracting money and talent to the university.

There was another side to the Harvard-educated physician.

During his tenure as dean, Puliafito kept company with a circle of criminals and drug users who said he used methamphetamine and other drugs with them, a Los Angeles Times investigation found.

Puliafito, 66, and these much younger acquaintances captured their exploits in photos and videos. The Times reviewed dozens of the images.

<https://www.latimes.com/local/california/la-me-usc-doctor-20170717-htmlstory.html>



Los Angeles

USC Admits It Was Aware Of Med School Dean's Behavior Before Scandal Went Public

July 29, 2017 / 10:23 AM PDT / CBS LA

LOS ANGELES (CBSLA.com) – USC President C.L. Max Nikias has acknowledged that university officials received complaints and took disciplinary actions against a former medical school dean who has been publicly linked to substance abuse and associating with known criminals before the situation became publicly known.

<https://www.cbsnews.com/losangeles/news/usc-scandal/>

Carmen Puliafito Skandalı

EDUCATION

A secret USC payout had a catch: Images of ex-dean using drugs had to be given up



BY PAUL PRINGLE

September 30, 2021



On a November day in 2017, USC entered into a secret mediation agreement with the family of a young woman whose drug-fueled relationship with the former dean of the university's medical school had engulfed the institution in scandal.

Carmen Puliafito, who was dean of the Keck School of Medicine of USC during the relationship, was also a party to the agreement, which paid Sarah Warren, her brother and their parents a combined \$1.5 million to head off a lawsuit by the family against him and USC, The Times has learned.

<https://lookout.co/a-secret-usc-payout-had-a-catch-images-of-ex-dean-using-drugs-had-to-be-given-up/story?>



George Tyndall

- **Jinekolog**
- **USC'deki Görevi: 1989-2016**



Engemann Öğrenci Sağlık Merkezi

George Tyndall Skandalı

CALIFORNIA

Former USC gynecologist George Tyndall charged with 29 felonies in sex abuse case

By Richard Winton and Harriet Ryan

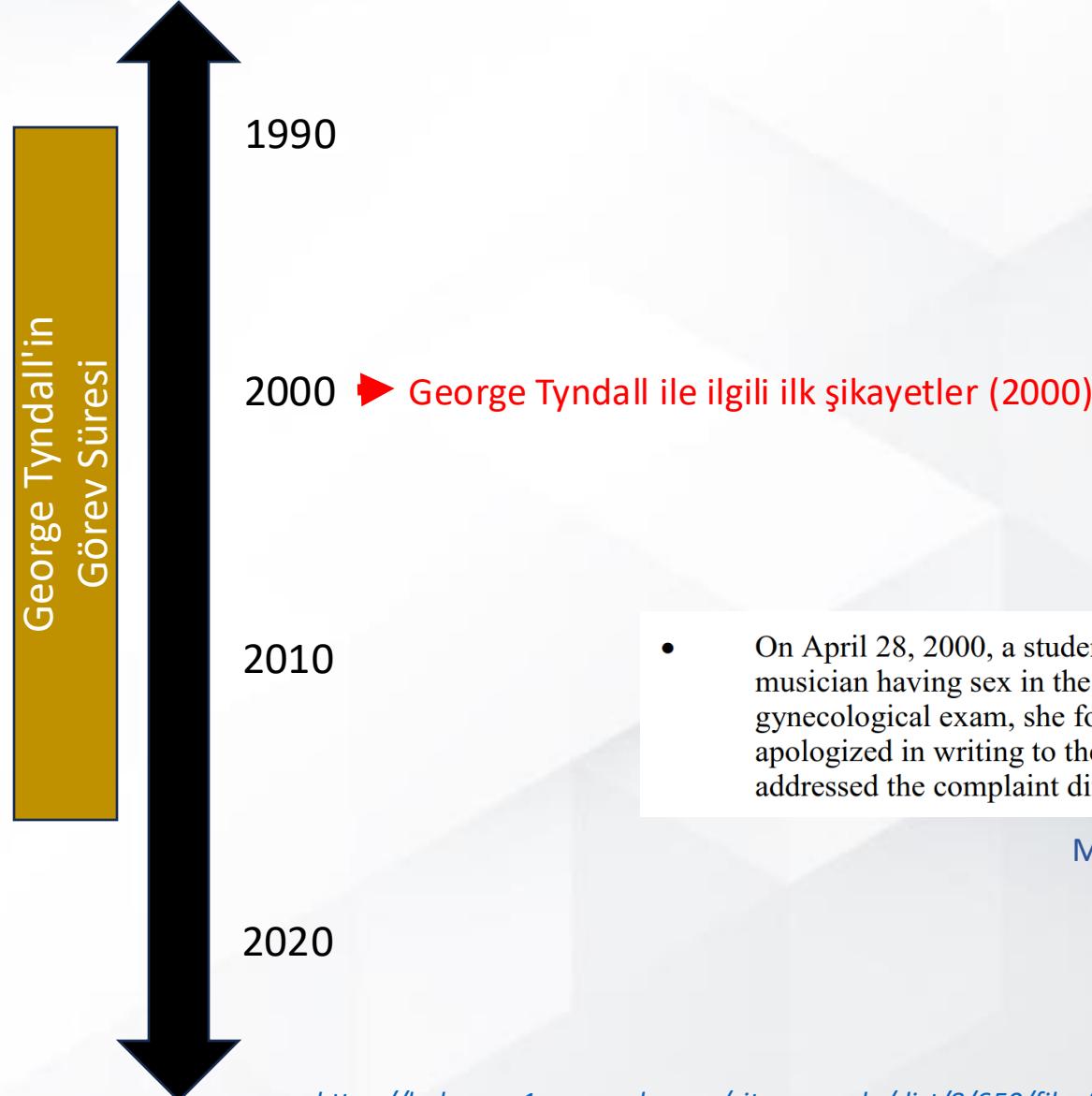
June 26, 2019 9:37 AM PT



George Tyndall, the gynecologist accused of sexual misconduct toward hundreds of USC students, was arrested Wednesday and charged with committing more than two dozen felonies at the campus clinic where he practiced for decades.

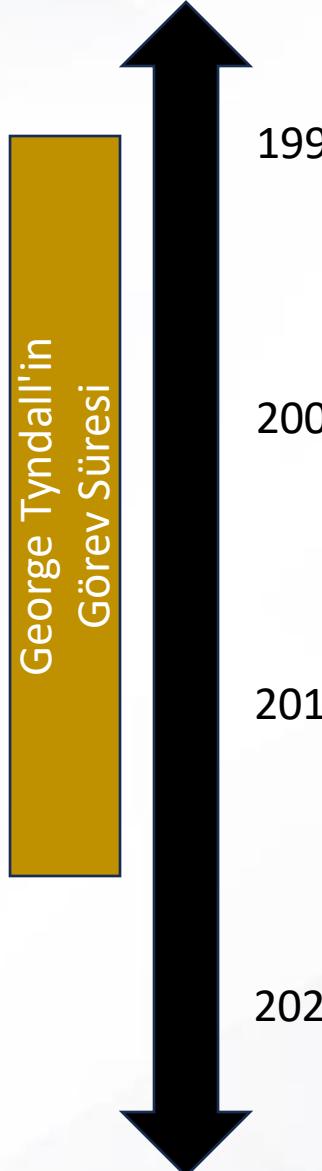
The physician was taken into custody at 7:45 a.m. as he exited his apartment in a high-rise near Lafayette Park. Los Angeles police said he was carrying a loaded .38-caliber handgun, a concealed weapon for which they said he did not have a permit. Immediately after detectives approached him, the 72-year-old began complaining of chest pains and was driven to L.A. County-USC Medical Center for treatment. He remained there Wednesday evening.

<https://www.latimes.com/local/lanow/la-me-george-tyndall-arrest-usc-sexual-abuse-20190626-story.html>



- On April 28, 2000, a student reported Dr. Tyndall made a comment about a rock musician having sex in the street. Though the comment did not occur during a gynecological exam, she found it “degrading and humiliating.” (**Tab 14.**) Dr. Tyndall apologized in writing to the student; Dr. Neinstein both followed up with Dr. Tyndall and addressed the complaint directly with the student. (**Tab 15.**)

Mahkeme dokümanlarından.



1990

George Tyndall'in
Görev Süresi

2000

2010-2016. In April 2010, a former student reported that, sometime between 2003-2005, in response to her statement that she was unable to orgasm, Dr. Tyndall “put an ungloved finger in my vagina and told me to squeeze.” This remains the first and only complaint USC received during Dr. Tyndall’s employment suggesting he performed an ungloved vaginal examination. Dr. Neinstein immediately raised this issue with Dr. Tyndall, who said he would never perform an ungloved examination on a patient, and understood that would be prohibited. Dr. Neinstein interviewed the student, and escalated the issue outside of student health to the Office of Equity and Diversity. The OED ultimately took no action given the lack of corroborating witnesses (such as a supervising medical assistant); that Dr. Tyndall patently denied ever engaging in an ungloved exam and agreed it would have been improper; and the alleged incident occurred seven years earlier. Nevertheless, Dr. Neinstein followed up with Dr. Tyndall, as well as the complaining student, who reported she was satisfied and did not intend to further pursue the matter. Dr. Neinstein documented the incident. (**Tab 62**).

Mahkeme dokümanlarından.

2010

- ▶ Eski bir öğrenci, Tyndall'ı eldivensiz muayene yaptığı gerekçesi ile şikayet etti. (2010)
- ▶ Şikayetlerin artması üzerine konu OED'ye taşındı. Ancak kanıt yetersizliği sebebiyle işlem yapılmadı. (2013)

2020

George Tyndall Skandalı

Lawrence Neinstein

From: USCweb Visitor [webfoot@usc.edu]
Sent: Friday, April 30, 2010 10:50 AM
To: uphcweb@usc.edu
Subject: (Health Center Comment Form) Something you should know

Comments: Hi - I was a student/patient there from 2003 - 2005. I came to the clinic once to speak with my doctor as I had some sexual issues that were bothering me. I was unable to orgasm. This doctor was a man. I don't remember his name but I remember what he looked like. He told me of kegel exercises and told me to lay down and he would show me.

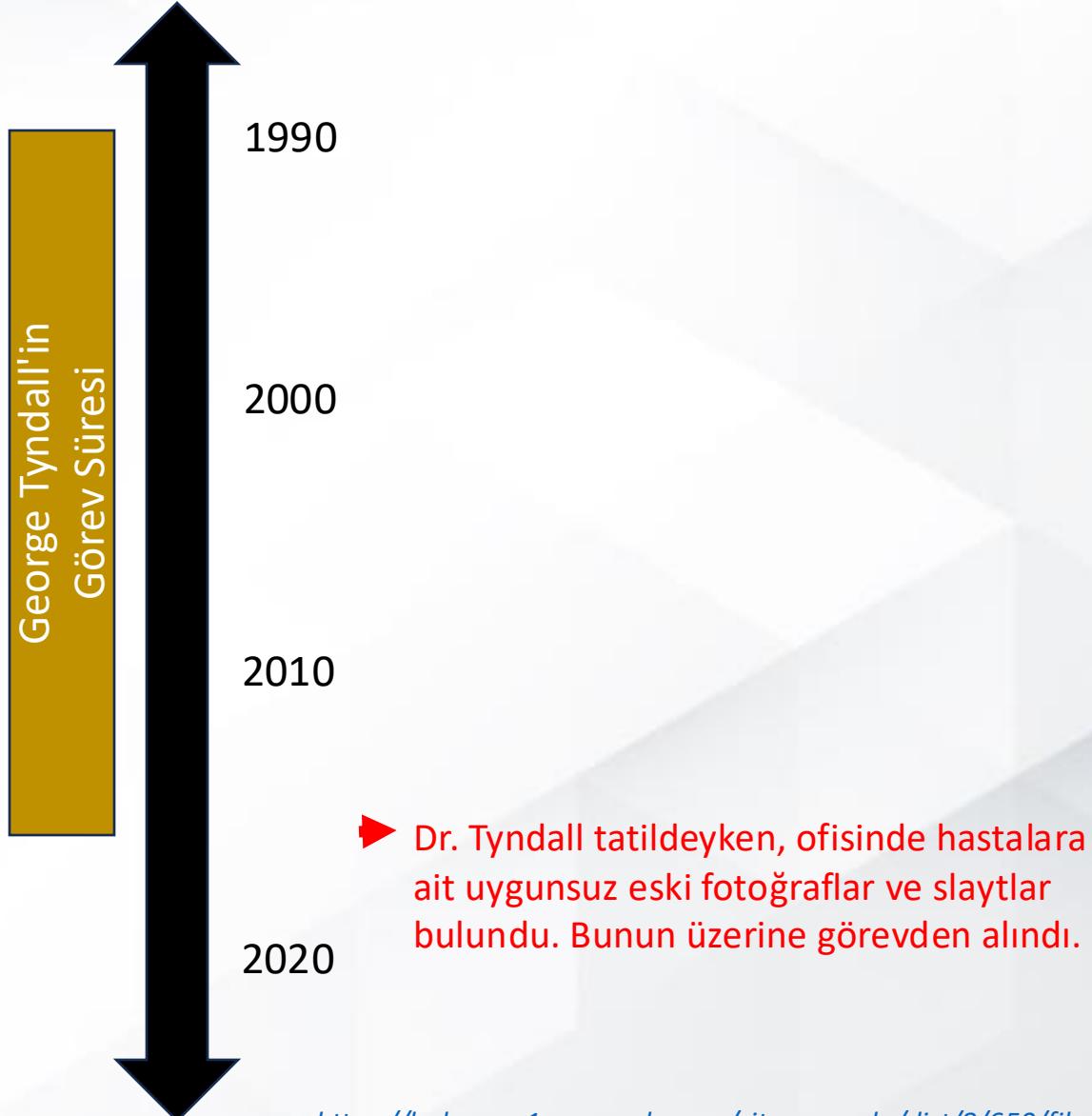
He put an ungloved finger in my vagina and told me to squeeze. No nurse was in the room and he was not wearing a glove.

Now older and wiser I see that this was horribly wrong and a blatant case of abuse.

I think you should open my file up, find out which doctors I saw and report this to the person in charge in case this man is still working there. He may be doing worse things to other girls.

If someone in charge is interested in looking into this they can contact me and I will give them my full name.

Mağdur öğrencinin şikayet maili.



https://bpb-us-w1.wpmucdn.com/sites.usc.edu/dist/8/650/files/2019/05/2019-05-23-143-USCs-Notice-of-Lodging-Docs-and-Exhibits-1-6_FINAL.pdf

George Tyndall Skandalı

From: Monique Menke
Sent: Thursday, June 16, 2016 4:41 PM
To: George Raymond Tyndall
Cc: Mildred Wenger; William A. Leavitt
Subject: Summary of Discussion
Importance: High
Sensitivity: Confidential

Dr Tyndall,

Please allow this electronic communication to serve as follow up and acknowledgement of our meeting yesterday at 8:15am regarding the condition of your office and resulting effects, resulting in violation of Engemann Student Health Center policies and procedures.

While you were away on vacation, there was staff complaint of flying bugs in the PCC area. It was determined by Facilities that the source of the flies was your office. One of our Facilities ordered and then placed non-toxic Fruit Fly baits in your office in an effort to attract and kill the bugs. In the process of opening one of the baits, the employee also suffered a cut on her hand which was treated in ACC.

Days later, the number of flying bugs had not only increased, but had migrated into exam rooms on the 2nd floor and downstairs to the 1st floor ACC. The exam room infiltration resulted in a formal complaint from a patient. Facilities (with the assistance of Dr Wenger) performed an inspection of your office in an effort to determine the source of the bugs. The following items were found:

1. Perished food and drinks
2. Personal electronic equipment including two fans and a desktop computer
3. Professional samples of contraceptive devices
4. Old photographs and slides of female patients' cervix, some with patient names and ID numbers

All items were confiscated and your office was thoroughly cleaned including a shampoo of the carpet.

The four items listed above are in violation of Engemann Student Health Center policies and procedures (see attachments). The unsanitary condition of your office resulting in bugs within a medical facility is unacceptable in of itself. Willful possession of professional samples and patient identifiable medical information are considered to be egregious violations of policy and our Medical Staff Bylaws (Article VIII).

Because of the seriousness of these violations, the Co-Acting Medical Directors and I are continuing to investigate this event. This investigation may lead to a more formal review of your professional conduct.

Soruşturma kapsamında Tyndall'a gönderilen mail.

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George Tyndall'in
Görev Süresi

1990

2000

2010

2020



INVESTIGATIONS

George Tyndall, former USC gynecologist accused of sexual misconduct, found dead

OCTOBER 14, 2023 · 6:17 PM ET

HEARD ON ALL THINGS CONSIDERED

The former USC gynecologist, who was accused of sexual misconduct by hundreds of women, has died. He was set to stand trial next year on sex crimes related to a smaller subset of 16 former patients.

► Tyndall 2023 Yılında evinde ölü bulundu.

Max Nikias'ın
Rektörlük
Dönemi

George Tyndall'in
Görev Süresi

1990

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► George Tyndall ile ilgili ilk şikayetler (2000)

► Eski bir öğrenci, Tyndall'ı eldivensiz muayene yaptığı gerekçesi ile şikayet etti. (2010)
► Şikayetlerin artması üzerine konu OED'ye taşındı. Ancak kanıt yetersizliği sebebiyle işlem yapılmadı.
► Dr. Tyndall tatildeyken, ofisinde hastalara ait uygunsuz eski fotoğraflar ve slaytlar bulundu. Bunun üzerine görevden alındı.

► Tyndall 2023 yılında evinde ölü bulundu.

"lost the moral authority to lead"

200 USC professors demand school president resign

By AI HEPING in New York | China Daily USA | Updated: 2018-05-23 02:52



The profile photo of President Max Nikias. [Photo provided to China Daily]

Two hundred faculty members at the University of Southern California (USC) have called on school President Max Nikias to step down following accusations of sexual misconduct against a former physician at the school's student health center.

In a letter to the school's board of trustees, the faculty members said that he had "lost the moral authority to lead" in the wake of revelations that a campus gynecologist was kept on staff for decades despite repeated complaints of misconduct, The Los Angeles Times and NBC reported.

Los Angeles

200 Faculty Call On USC President To Resign Amid Sex-Misconduct Scandal

May 22, 2018 / 12:30 PM PDT / CBS LA

LOS ANGELES (CBSLA) – In a letter penned Tuesday to the University of Southern California Board of Trustees, 200 faculty members asked President Max Nikias to resign in the wake of allegations USC officials may have tried to hide sexual misconduct allegations leveled against a longtime school gynecologist.

In the letter obtained by the Los Angeles Times, the faculty "call upon President Nikias to step aside, and upon the Board of Trustees to restore moral leadership to the university."

<https://www.cbsnews.com/losangeles/news/200-professors-usc-president-to-resign-amid-scandal/>

<https://global.chinadaily.com.cn/a/201805/23/WS5b04670aa3103f6866ee9f0b.html>

May 22, 2018

To the Board of Trustees:

We, the undersigned faculty, write to express our outrage and disappointment over the mounting evidence of President Nikias' failure to protect our students, our staff, and our colleagues from repeated and pervasive sexual harassment and misconduct. In his recent letter to the University community, President Nikias referred to the actions of gynecologist George Tyndall as a "breach of trust." With all due respect, President Nikias' own actions and omissions amount to a breach of trust. **He has lost the moral authority to lead the University, and in addition, to lead the investigation of institutional failures that allowed this misconduct to persist over several decades.** President Nikias must step aside to allow new leaders to take the necessary steps to repair the damage.

As the *Los Angeles Times* has reported, **USC kept a physician in a position of power and trust who abused that power and trust to sexually assault and degrade women students**, targeting for abuse the most vulnerable international and minority students. The University's conduct is as much at issue in this case as the physician's. Numerous students and nursing staff reported Dr. Tyndall's misconduct in the years between 2000 and 2014, yet Dr. Tyndall was suspended only in 2016, after one brave staff person reported him to USC's rape crisis center. After concluding that the charges against Dr. Tyndall were true, the University allowed him to resign quietly. **By failing to notify the state Medical Board, law enforcement, or patients, the university allowed Dr. Tyndall to keep his medical license, continue preying on women outside USC, and escape the consequences of his abuse.** President Nikias writes that "in hindsight," it was wrong not to notify the Board.

The University Administration's actions have been wrong at every turn, and not only in hindsight. In this case, as in prior cases, faced with an ongoing pattern of serious wrongdoing by a powerful University official, the University has kept the wrongdoing quiet, settled financially with the wrongdoer in secret, and denied any responsibility on the part of the University. **There still has been no public report of the investigation into the two cases involving USC medical deans, nor any visible attempt to determine what University administrators knew and when they knew it, and why they waited as long as they did to take action.** We lament that, time after time, the administration has admitted to its failings only after being exposed by the *Los Angeles Times*. We also watch with deep distress as the university's reputation is marred in the national press and in international circles.

We call upon President Nikias to step aside, and upon the Board of Trustees to restore moral leadership to the university. We also call on the Board to reaffirm the core mission of the University, "the development of human beings and society as a whole through the cultivation and enrichment of the human mind and spirit." We can only reach our full development as a community if we support all our members – students, staff, faculty, and alumni – in safety, respect, and trust. Restore our trust in USC by standing up for its highest ideals.

Sincerely yours,



<https://www.linkedin.com/in/chrysostomos-l-max-nikias-53ab98183/>

Istifa Süreci

USC president steps down amid gynaecology sex abuse scandal

8 August 2018

The University of Southern California (USC) president has stepped down amid mounting criticism of his handling of abuse claims against a former doctor.

CL Max Nikias resigned less than a week after more than 600 faculty members signed a letter urging that he quit before classes begin this month.

Mr Nikias had agreed to resign in May, but the university appeared to fast-track the process on Tuesday.

USC is facing lawsuits over the alleged actions of an ex-campus gynaecologist.

The lawsuits accuse George Tyndall, who worked at a university clinic for 30 years, of sexual misconduct, including groping and improper examinations.

<https://www.bbc.com/news/world-us-canada-45117343>

- https://bpb-us-w1.wpmucdn.com/sites.usc.edu/dist/8/650/files/2019/05/2019-05-23-143-USCs-Notice-of-Lodging-Docs-and-Exhibits-1-6_FINAL.pdf
- https://bpb-us-w1.wpmucdn.com/sites.usc.edu/dist/8/650/files/2019/05/2019-05-23-143-Exhibits-7-13_FINAL.pdf
- https://bpb-us-w1.wpmucdn.com/sites.usc.edu/dist/8/650/files/2019/05/2019-05-23-143-Exhibits-14-16_FINAL.pdf
- <https://lookout.co/a-secret-usc-payout-had-a-catch-images-of-ex-dean-using-drugs-had-to-be-given-up/story>
- <https://academeblog.org/2018/05/22/200-faculty-members-call-on-usc-president-to-step-down/>
- https://customsitesmedia.usc.edu/wp-content/uploads/sites/326/2018/08/17154058/Nikias_CV_AUGUST-2018.pdf
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