



REGARDING UNIVERSITY LEADERSHIP

Whereas, Michigan State University President Kevin Guskiewicz was named president at Clemson University on May 27th, 2026, after a tenure of only 26 months; and,

Whereas, President Guskiewicz maintained a board unanimity on most matters, and a board majority on all his proposed agenda items brought to a vote; and,

Whereas, President Guskiewicz cited the factionalized nature of the MSU Board of Trustees as a primary catalyst for his departure, highlighting the problems and dysfunction that have plagued the Board at the expense of their focus on oversight and the future of this great public research university; and,

Whereas, The Board of Trustees has been aware of the need to name a new president for over a month, yet has failed to establish a transparent transition process or secure the required Board votes to name a president for the remainder of the current presidential term; and,

Whereas, The lack of permanent leadership has left faculty facing a series of incomplete and inter-related strategic initiatives without anyone currently empowered to protect the core mission of MSU, and its long-term financial and academic health; therefore be it,

Resolved, That the Academic Congress of Michigan State University expresses its profound disappointment in the Board of Trustees' infighting that has directly resulted in the destabilizing loss of multiple executive leaders; and be it further

Resolved, That the Academic Congress demands the Board of Trustees immediately put aside past battles, personal differences, and political affiliations to restore organizational stability to rebuild the fractured trust of the faculty, staff, students, alumni, and the general public; and be it further

Academic Congress

Draft Resolution

July 7, 2026



MICHIGAN STATE
UNIVERSITY

Resolved, That the Board of Trustees, to secure the trust of faculty, must appoint a new president with an internationally-recognized scholarly profile who also has significant administrative experience to confront the unique cultural and management problems currently facing Michigan State University; and be it further

Resolved, That the new president be empowered to reevaluate the strategic direction of the university to ensure the public's trust and money are being directed primarily to the core academic missions of the nation's first land-grant institution; and be it further

Resolved, That the appointment of a new president be finalized with urgency by **August 1, 2026**, well before the arrival of students for the 2026-27 academic year.