



***Resolution 69CC05: A Resolution for a Vote and Referendum of No Confidence in President Fenves***

**Introduced: Finn Johnston, he/him, Executive Vice-President,  
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**April 2024**

**Brief History and Reasons for Implementation:**

- Dr. Clifton Crais of the History Department: “The events of April 25, 2024, are unprecedented in the history of Emory College and the University. A peaceful demonstration was met by Emory police and a large contingent of heavily armed police and Georgia State Patrol officers, who used chemical agents, electrical shocks and other metrics and arrested multiple ECAS students, ECAS faculty and others.”
- Following the police violence of Thursday April 25<sup>th</sup>, President Fenves released a tone-deaf statement that sanctioned the use of “law enforcement clear[ing] the Quad” following peaceful protestors who “refused to leave.”
- President Fenves has failed to address police violence or condemn the use of brutality such as chemical irritants and tasers.
- President Fenves has failed to offer care or support to the twenty members of the Emory community that were arrested, including seventeen students and three faculty writing on Friday April 26<sup>th</sup>, “The fact that members of our community were arrested upsets me even more and is something that I take very seriously.”
- This lack of care for students and faculty is an endemic problem facing our institution.
- The inability to separate personal political beliefs and the horrific use of violence has been a staple of the Fenves Presidency and one that students have continually been hurt by.
- We argue that Campus Administration, of which Fenves heads, has broken their own Open Expression Policy 8.14.7.3 Terminations or Arrests because of Violations of this Policy which declares: “Termination of an event or any arrests must be the option of last resort.”
- We argue that the termination that occurred on Thursday April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2024, was not the

option of last resort and that President Fenves be held accountable for his negligence in caring or protecting the community he represents.

- On Friday April 26<sup>th</sup>, the ECAS faculty called for a vote of no confidence against President Fenves which will occur electronically on Wednesday May 1<sup>st</sup>.

### **Proposal: Hold a Vote of No Confidence in President Fenves**

- We, Emory College Council, vote **No Confidence in President Fenves** and stand in solidarity with our faculty in the College Senate and at Oxford.
- We, Emory College Council, call upon the Emory Student Government Association to hold an Undergraduate-wide Referendum on Confidence in Gregory L. Fenves's Presidency.

### **Timeline:**

Step	Overview	Timeline
1	Action 1: Work with other student governments and faculty  Action 2: Pass in the legislature	April '24
2	Action 3: Inform President Fenves and Emory University of our decision  Action: Work with SGA on holding an Undergraduate Wide Referendum	April '24 - Beyond

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