



CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, DOMINGUEZ HILLS

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W* EXEC 21-10

CSUDH Academic Senate Statement Against Anti-Asian Violence, Racism, & Sexism¹

Resolution passes 44 in favor/0 against/0 abstentions

March 24, 2021

WHEREAS: Harassment and violence against Asian Pacific Islander Desi American (APIDA) persons, families and communities have increased since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic due to inflammatory and racist rhetoric; and,

WHEREAS: This nation’s history of white supremacy, misogyny, systemic racism and colonialism undergird the environment of hate, intolerance, and violence against Asian Americans; and,

WHEREAS: The increase in hate crimes against Asians is a direct result of white supremacist, anti-Asian xenophobia and the myth of “yellow peril” that have persisted in North America since the 16th century to keep Asian Americans as “perpetual foreigners”; and,

WHEREAS: The increase in hate crimes against women of Asian descent cannot be separated from the racism and sexism represented and is also a direct result of the hypersexualization and fetishization of Asian women (and other women of color);² and,

WHEREAS: The current sociopolitical context fosters and reinforces violence of many forms against APIDA people as well as perpetuating and encouraging systemic discrimination and institutionalized racism and sexism; therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That the Academic Senate of California State University Dominguez Hills (ASCSUDH) supports President Parham’s March 2, 2021 “Violence Towards Asian Americans” message and the statement provided by the Asian Pacific Studies department; and, we also condemn the violent attacks against our sisters and brothers and non-gender conforming and non-binary folk of Asian descent and join him in speaking out against these atrocities; and be it so forth,

RESOLVED: That the CSU Dominguez Hills Academic Senate joins its sister CSU Fullerton Academic Senate to condemn acts of hate, violence and aggression towards APIDA persons by individuals, institutions, and local, state, and federal government agencies in the United States; and be it further,

¹ Adapted from CSU Fullerton’s Academic Senate *Resolution Condemning Racism and Anti-Asian Violence in Society*, ASD 21-25, Passed March 11, 2021

https://www.fullerton.edu/senate/publications_policies_resolutions/resolutions/ASD%2021-25%20Resolution%20Condemning%20Racism%20and%20Anti-Asian%20Violence%20in%20Society.pdf

² Ailsa Chang, “For Asian American Women, Misogyny And Racism Are Inseparable, Sociologist Says,” NPR, March 19, 2021 <https://www.npr.org/2021/03/19/979336512/for-asian-american-women-misogyny-and-racism-are-inseparable-sociologist-says>.

RESOLVED: That the ASCSUDH continue to take meaningful action to broaden and sustain anti-racism actions, education, resources, and policies; and be it further,

RESOLVED: That the Academic Senate, renews its pledge “to be partners in facilitating anti-racism work at CSUDH and in the community, and be it further,”³

RESOLVED: That the ASCSUDH recommend to faculty, students, staff, and administrators to benefit from resources such as anti-bias and anti-racism: training, pedagogy workshops, and co-curricular events; and be it further,

RESOLVED: That the ASCSUDH pledges that as faculty leaders, community members, teachers, scholars, and mentors we will work determinedly toward transforming CSUDH so that all campus stakeholders are empowered to take anti-racist/anti-sexist action and bring an equity-minded lens to build a better future for our communities, our nation, and our world;⁴ and be it further,

RESOLVED: ASCSUDH will produce a list of action items to directly address systemic racism and sexism, and their effects, on our campus against students, staff, administrators, and faculty; and finally, be it

RESOLVED: That the resolution be distributed to the:

- President,
- Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs,
- Vice Provost,
- Vice President of Administration and Finance,
- Vice President of Information Technology,
- Vice President of Student Affairs,
- Vice President of University Advancement,
- Deans of the College of Arts & Humanities, the College of Business Administration and Public Policy, the College of Education, the College of Extended and International Education, the College of Health, Human Services & Nursing, the College of Natural and Behavioral Sciences, and the Library,
- All faculty and staff,
- ASI President and student body.

RATIONALE:

March 2020 reminds us all too cruelly that anti-Asian hate crimes continue to plague our nation and our state. Journalist Amy Sherman reports that “The Center for the Study of Hate and Extremism found that anti-Asian American hate crimes reported to police rose 149 percent

³ Academic Senate Executive Committee “Letter to Students & all of the Toro family from the Senate Executive Committee,” June 3, 2020. See <https://www.csudh.edu/Assets/csudh-sites/academic-senate/docs/anti-racism/ASECSUDH%20Letter%20to%20students%2006032020.pdf>

⁴ Academic Senate Executive Committee “Anti-Racism Commitment,” June 10, 2020. See <https://www.csudh.edu/Assets/csudh-sites/academic-senate/docs/anti-racism/ASECSUDH%20Anti-Racism%20Commitment%206-10-2020.docx>

between 2019 and 2020.”⁵ Last week’s murder of 8 people, including 6 women of Asian descent in Georgia, is unfortunately indicative of a continuing escalation of anti-Asian violence and other hate crimes. For example, a terrible escalation of anti-Asian violence in occurred in New York City in 2020. In February and March, to name a few: there was an Asian man beaten outside of a subway station that got widespread attention, there was an Asian woman attacked outside a bakery in Queens while also, on that same day, two older Asian women were attacked separately in the subway system and another Asian woman was doused with pepper spray while walking down the street.⁶ In the Bay Area and across California anti-Asian violence is escalating—recent examples of the atrocities those of Asian descent must fear—an elderly Asian man in the Bay area died from injuries perpetrated by the attacker and an elderly Asian woman beaten but able to fight off her attacker in San Francisco. Citizens across the state are joining in public protest against these atrocities, and the racism they represent.⁷ Beyond direct crimes, “Stop AAPI Hate catalogued nearly 3,800 hateful incidents — which is not limited to crimes — during the first year of the pandemic. (AAPI stands for Asian American and Pacific Islander.) Most of those hateful incidents targeted women.”⁸ The connection between racism and sexism cannot be ignored. Racism and sexism have a long history in the United States and in the Los Angeles area.⁹

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⁵ Amy Sherman, “Hate crimes against Asian Americans: What the numbers show,” Politifact, *Tampa Bay Times*, March 20, 2021 <https://www.tampabay.com/news/nation-world/2021/03/20/hate-crimes-against-asian-americans-what-the-numbers-show-politifact/>.

⁶ Anna Sturla, Mirna Alsharif, Kristina Sgueglia and Laura Ly, “Attacks against people of Asian descent are on the rise in NYC. The city is pushing to combat it,” CNN, February 27, 2021. <https://www.cnn.com/2021/02/27/us/new-york-initiative-anti-asian-attacks/index.html>

⁷ Shannon Lin and Howard Blume, *Los Angeles Times*, March 20, 2021 <https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2021-03-20/hundreds-gather-in-san-francisco-for-rally-against-anti-asian-attacks-racism>.

⁸ Amy Sherman, “Hate crimes against Asian Americans: What the numbers show,” Politifact, *Tampa Bay Times*, March 20, 2021 <https://www.tampabay.com/news/nation-world/2021/03/20/hate-crimes-against-asian-americans-what-the-numbers-show-politifact/>.

⁹ Shelby Grad, “The racist massacre that killed 10% of L.A.’s Chinese population and brought shame to the city,” *Los Angeles Times*, March 18, 2021 https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2021-03-18/reflecting-los-angeles-chinatown-massacre-after-atlanta-shootings?fbclid=IwAR0z-8sszqO0eu90k3uXiCERtIDw_Z-iQzKq9YWFU4yGmlx_ryXH26G9jWg