Resolution Condemning Racism and Anti-Asian Violence in Society

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: The increase in hate crimes against Asians is a direct result of anti-Asian xenophobia and “yellow peril” that have persisted in the United States since the 19th century to keep Asian Americans as “perpetual foreigners”; 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

Whereas: Despite vast economic disparities among Asian Americans, they are often assumed to be accomplished, academically or financially successful members of a “model minority,” a myth grounded in White supremacy which is used to denigrate other racial groups by contrast, is used as a wedge between racial groups, and has contributed to an invisibility of anti-Asian racism; and

Whereas: Gendered racism is perpetuated due to the prevalence of misperceptions, stereotypes, and images of APIDA women which has resulted in a long history of misogyny and violence directed specifically at APIDA women; therefore be it

Resolved: That the CSULB Academic Senate condemns 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

Resolved: That the CSULB Academic Senate acknowledges the current reality of systemic racism and anti-Asian violence in our community by listening to and having dialogue with APIDA students, staff, faculty, alumni, and community members, and vows to ensure that our campus becomes a welcoming space for everyone; and be it further

Resolved: That the CSULB Academic Senate will support campus efforts in educating students, faculty, and staff to bring awareness of anti-Asian discrimination, racism, and violence by adding instructional media and resources to learn more about racial justice for APIDAs as well as disseminating resources for coping with APIDA racial trauma; and be it further

Resolved: That the CSULB Academic Senate will create a supportive and safe climate for APIDA students and other minoritized groups, and learn ways to be allies and intervene effectively through programs such as the Hollaback Bystander Intervention Training; and be it further
Resolved: That the CSULB Academic Senate will engage the faculty and the campus community in disseminating resources on the university website such as the California Faculty Association’s Curriculum Guide for Combating Anti-Asian Hate in the Age of COVID-19; Asian Americans Advancing Justice; PBS Five-Part Series: “Asian Americans”; Stop AAPI Hate; Covid-19 Hate Crimes Act; and be it further

Resolved: That copies of this resolution be distributed to CSULB faculty, staff, students, and administrators.