



**Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Committee  
UUP West Campus Chapter at SUNY Stony Brook  
Executive Board Issued April 29, 2020**

**UUP Stony Brook West Campus Chapter Resolution against Anti-Asian  
Harassment in light of the COVID-19/Coronavirus Pandemic**

**Whereas** the United States and the world at large are in crisis due to the outbreak of a new virus known as COVID-19 and the subsequent pandemic;

**Whereas** racist attacks on the Asian community have rapidly increased at Stony Brook University, in the greater [New York City and Long Island](#) areas, and across the country;

**Whereas** the [Asian Pacific Policy and Planning Council](#) has counted more than 100 daily reports of “coronavirus discrimination,” including violent acts, directed towards Asians and Asian Americans; in New York, three teenaged girls brutally attacked [an Asian woman](#) on a New York City bus; and a masked assailant threw acid on [an Asian woman in Brooklyn](#);

**Whereas** these attacks are symptomatic of the long history of fear and xenophobia that have affected Asian and Asian American communities, and are themselves the product of misinformation about and politicization of this illness;

**Whereas** the white supremacist language normalized by the White House during this pandemic has brought to light the [connected histories](#) of violence and discrimination against Asians, African Americans, Latinxs, Native Americans, people of color, the [disabled](#), the incarcerated and the working poor;

**Now, therefore be it resolved** that the UUP West Campus chapter at Stony Brook University condemns the rise in anti-Asian rhetoric and attacks on individuals of Asian



descent within the United States, and rejects the categorization of COVID-19 as a “Chinese virus,” “Wuhan virus,” or “Asian disease.” We stand by our members, students, and the community at large in repudiating any intimidation, harassment, and hate speech or acts aimed at individuals of Asian descent now and in the future. Such acts will be reported to the proper authorities.

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