



Academic Senate

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Senate Resolution 04.19.21: Statement in Support of our AAPI (Asian American and Pacific Islander) Community and Students

WHEREAS, Solano Community College is committed to providing an open and supportive environment for all students, regardless of ethnicity, religion, national origin, immigration status, age, gender, language, socio-economic status, gender identity or expression, medical condition or disability;

WHEREAS, although we have named ourselves a nation of immigrants, in reality our society has been built to benefit and reinforce white supremacy;

WHEREAS, racism and hate crimes against the AAPI community has been both a longstanding issue in our society and in 2020 hate crimes directed at the AAPI community have increased by 150%, with women targeted for hate crimes 2.5 times more than men;

WHEREAS, racism and hate crimes directed against the AAPI community have often been ignored, rendered invisible, or treated as isolated events as opposed to systemic racism, for reasons including the model minority myth;

WHEREAS, while the AAPI community is a significant portion of the county (17.2%) and Solano College (13%) population, AAPI students at Solano College, often weighted with the model minority myth, are overwhelmed with the need to demand the respect that is automatically conferred to their white counterparts;

RESOLVED, SCC faculty commits to investing in professional development to heighten our awareness of historic and current racism and othering of the AAPI community (including the intersection of racism and misogyny) so that we can use our platform as educators to cultivate a culture of change.

RESOLVED, the SCC faculty will collaborate with organizations on campus and in the community that focus on support and community building for our AAPI students and colleagues.

RESOLVED, we commit to creating safe spaces for the AAPI community on our campus.

RESOLVED, we commit to creating a better process for members of the SCC community to report racism and hate crimes and to respond in a forceful and timely way to events on our campus or in our community.

RESOLVED, we will no longer be silent.