The Senate’s anti-Asian and anti-Asian American bigotry statement

Purdue University is committed to maintaining an inclusive community that recognizes and values the inherent worth and dignity of every person; fosters tolerance, sensitivity, understanding and mutual respect among its members; and encourages each individual to strive to reach his or her own potential. In pursuit of its goal of academic excellence, Purdue University seeks to develop and nurture its diversity. The University believes that diversity among its many members strengthens the institution, stimulates creativity, promotes the exchange of ideas and enriches campus life.

Purdue University does not condone and will not tolerate Discrimination against any individual on the basis of race, religion, color, sex, age, national origin or ancestry, genetic information, disability, status as a veteran, marital status, parental status, sexual orientation, gender identity or gender expression.

Purdue University Senate shall release the following statement immediately:

“As fear and anxiety about COVID-19 has spread across this country, there has been increased incidences of prejudice, xenophobia, discrimination, violence, and racism directed against people from Asian nations as well as Asian Americans. As a university that is home to thousands of international students and a large Asian American community, we write this to condemn any form of anti-Asian or anti-Asian American bigotry. Attacks inflicted upon these communities will not be tolerated at Purdue University.”

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