

**Resolution of the Faculty Senate**  
**Support of Our Chinese and Asian Communities**  
**In the Midst of the COVID 19 Pandemic**

Be it resolved, that the Faculty of Northwestern Health Sciences University upholds the dignity and right to liberty of all persons.

Be it known that the Faculty of Northwestern Health Sciences University strongly condemns the recent upsurge of bigoted and xenophobic attacks directed at people who are Chinese or perceived to be Chinese in response to the COVID 19 pandemic. These attacks have included physical assault, and verbal harassment and intimidation. It is our moral obligation as educators and health care providers to stand publicly against such expressions of hatred.

Furthermore, we condemn inflammatory language such as naming the COVID 19 virus as a “Chinese” virus or as the “Wuhan” virus as anti-science. Such rhetoric in and of itself constitutes a threat to public health and welfare. The World Health Organization’s best practices specifically recommends avoiding the use of geographic locations when naming a novel pathogen. At a time when global populations are all under threat, we must stand against the desire to find scapegoats, and instead uphold the power of human ingenuity and cooperation in response to our fears and to a common threat.

As an institution educating the next generation of Traditional Chinese Medicine health care professionals we stand in solidarity with Chinese and Asian traditional medicine doctors who are our teachers, colleagues, and mentors. We stand with all our students and patients of Asian descent. We stand with all Americans of Asian descent and affirm our common humanity. We vow to oppose all instances of bigotry and violence directed against Asian Americans now and in the future.

Passed unanimously on this day, 9 April 2020.