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The Registrar's Office of the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee stands in solidarity with the Asian Faculty and Staff Association (AFSA) in their commitment to supporting and advocating for students, faculty, and staff of the Asian Diaspora as the COVID-19 pandemic continues to impact our community. During these uncertain times, members of the Asian, Asian American and Asian Pacific Islander community have faced increased instances of racism and xenophobia as fear over COVID-19 has increased. Additionally, as cited by AFSA^[1], this comes at a time that, due to social distancing, can exacerbate isolation due to loss of contact with peers.

The Registrar's Office commits to stand in solidarity with UWM students, faculty and staff against these acts. Further, we commit to support and advocate for the specific steps outlined by the AFSA found [here](#).

We continue to act with compassion for those in the community who have been impacted by the COVID-19 virus and the individual and unique challenges the pandemic has created.

^[1] Asian Faculty and Staff Association (n.d.) *Statement of Solidarity Against Anti-Asian Racism and Xenophobia* https://uwm.edu/afsa/#_ftnref1