IN THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

March 27th, 2020

The following resolution was referred to consideration by the STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION under the Sponsorship of Senator At-Large Ethan McKenzie:

A RESOLUTION

NON-BINDING RESOLUTION

Be it resolved by the Body of the Pennsylvania College of Technology Student Government Association

Whereas the Penn College values statement espouses a commitment to a community of respect which “celebrate[s] diversity,” “commit[s] to inclusiveness,” and “recognize[s] that mutual respect for individual differences is the foundation of our learning community.”;

Whereas the Penn College Community Pledge invites Penn College students to be “fair and just in the treatment of others,” “promote a community of respect,” and “hold [themselves] and those around [them] accountable to [the] pledge”;

Whereas Subsection V. r. of Penn College Procedure Statement PR 4.43 prohibits “physical abuse, verbal abuse, threats, deliberate intimidation, harassment, or coercion” by Penn College students;

Whereas the preamble to the Pennsylvania College of Technology Student Government Association constitution establishes the Student Government Association as “the representative voice of the student body at Penn College”;

Whereas Subsection 2.4 of the Pennsylvania College of Technology Student Government Association constitution further stipulates a purpose of the Penn College Student Government Association is to “serve as the democratic voice of the Penn College Student Body”;

Whereas the recent actions of a Penn College student targeting members of the Asian and Asian American community directly contradict and demean the values of Pennsylvania College of Technology and misrepresent the Penn College student body;

Be it resolved that the Pennsylvania College of Technology Student Government Association —

(1) firmly believes that the Asian and Asian American communities strengthen and enrich the Penn
College community as well as our national community;

(2) welcomes people of all ages, abilities, ethnicities, genders, races, religions and other strata to our community;

(3) is committed to holding Penn College students accountable to our Penn College values and Community Pledge;

(4) supports President Gilmour’s call for unity rather than division now and always;

(5) unequivocally condemns the xenophobic comments made by a Penn College student targeting members of the Asian and Asian American communities;

(6) urges Penn College students to disavow xenophobia wherever and however they encounter it and to persistently align their behavior with our shared Penn College values.

RESOLUTION History:
03/27/2020: Introduced to the STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION
03/28/2020: Passed by the STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION