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#### **RESOLUTION NO. 015, SERIES OF 2023**

# A RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING JOHN CARLO TATEL AS OFFICIAL CANDIDATE FOR THE STUDENT COUNCIL ELECTIONS 2023

**WHEREAS**, the Commission on Elections (COMELEC) stands as the highest policy making body of all election matters in the Polytechnic University of the Philippines (PUP) – Main Campus;

**WHEREAS**, Secretary-General and College of Accountancy and Finance Commissioner Melwel Arcel C. Gorumba was tasked to oversee the deliberation of Certificate of Candidacies;

**WHEREAS**, as per the revised Election Calendar for the Student Council Elections 2023, the Deliberation of Certificate of Candidacies was done on July 29 to August 4, 2023;

**WHEREAS**, the qualifications of candidates were outlined under Article V Section 26 of Student Council Act No. 002 series of 2023 or also known as the Election Code of the PUP Student Council;

- Section 26. Qualifications of Candidates. No student may be elected to any position on the Student Council unless he/she/they is a bona fide student-voter of this University at the time of his/her/their filing of candidacy, and the party and/or coalition he/she/they falls under must be legitimate unless of course the candidate is independent.
  - 26.1. Legitimate Student Political Party. If a candidate runs under a particular banner or party, the party he/she/they is representing



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must either be an accredited organization duly screened/approved by the COSOA or an organization, recognized by the Commission through a party registration certificate, that will support and field candidates for the elections.

- 26.2. Legitimate Student Political Coalition. Coalition refers to a conglomerate of independent candidates, slates, and/or other political parties running under a particular name or banner. Coalitions differ from political parties in the aspect that they have not been duly accredited by PUP SC COSOA or PUP SC COMELEC. All formed coalitions shall submit a declaration of their formation and the official list of all the candidates running under them to the PUP SC COMELEC
- 26.3. Discernment. The PUP SC COMELEC shall clearly discern and declare all student political parties and coalitions, and their respective candidates participating in the election

**WHEREAS**, the Certificate of Candidacy was defined under Article V Section 30 of Student Council Act No. 002 series of 2023 or also known as the Election Code of the PUP Student Council, Article VI Section 1 of the Implementing Rules and Regulations, and Section 3 of Rules and Guidelines for the Filing of Certificate of Candidacy;

Section 1. Certificate of Candidacy – No student shall be eligible for any elective office unless they file a sworn certificate of candidacy stated in the Calendar for the Period of Election as prescribed by the SCA. The COMELEC can adjust the calendar given there is a possibility of Force Majeure or Failure of Election. A person who has filed a certificate of candidacy may, prior to the election, withdraw the same by submitting to the Commission a written declaration.



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**WHEREAS,** on the 16<sup>th</sup> of July 2022, the Commission released Resolution No. 010 series of 2023 also known as Rules and Guidelines for the Filing of Certificate of Candidacy for the Academic Year 2023-2024 Student Council Elections;

**WHEREAS**, the Commission released a step-by-step guide on how to file for candidacy in the upcoming 2023 Student Council Election and formally opened the link for the filing of Certificate of Candidacy on the 17th of July 2023 and closed on 31<sup>st</sup> of July 2023;

**WHEREAS**, the Commission was able to send an acknowledgement receipt to all the candidates who filed their Certificate of Candidacy, in pursuant to Article V Section 33 of Student Council Act No. 002 series of 2023 or also known as the Election Code of the PUP Student Council;

Section 33. Ministerial Duty of Receiving and Acknowledging Receipt. – The Commission through the Secretariat shall have the ministerial duty to receive and acknowledge receipt of the certificate of candidacy.

**WHEREAS**, the requirements for the filing of Certificate of Candidacy were all stated under Section 4 of Rules and Guidelines for the Filing of Certificate of Candidacy for the Academic Year 2023-2024 Student Council Elections;

- Section 4. Requirements A certificate of candidacy shall be awarded to a candidate who has submitted the following:
  - 4.1 Original Certification of Enrollment from ARO or Registration Certificate for the most recent regular semester of the candidate. In cases that the Registration Card is unavailable, the candidate may provide either of the following as an alternative:
    - (a) A copy of official Certification of Enrollment/Attendance through Online Document Request System (ODRS) within the specified election timeline.



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- (b) Confirmation Slip of the most recent regular semester;
- (c) A certificate of grades which reflects the most recent regular semester. The certificate may contain or not contain the student number, provided that this was issued and/or validated by the candidate's respective chairperson, dean, and/or registrar.
- 4.2 A certificate or clearance from the Internal Audit Office or OSS stating that the candidate has no financial liabilities. The PUP SC COA in coordination with COMELEC, shall be the main coordinator for the collective request of all the candidates' certificate or clearance;
- 4.3 Other documents deemed necessary by the Commission for election purposes;
  - (a) Digital copy of picture, in formal attire, with a white background. No name tag shall be included in the picture, sized 2"X2".
  - (b) Duly-signed Certificate of Nomination from his/her/their political party and/or coalition he/she/they wishes to run under its banner, excluding individual independent candidates.

**WHEREAS**, the contents of the Certificate of Candidacy were defined under Section 5 of Rules and Guidelines for the Filing of Certificate of Candidacy for the Academic Year 2023-2024 Student Council Elections;

Section 5. Contents of the Certificate of Candidacy – The following shall be the contents of the Certificate of Candidacy:



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- 5.1 2x2 picture, in formal attire, with white background and without the nametag of the candidate at the bottom of the image;
- 5.2 Name of the candidate;
  - (a) The legal name of the candidate, having separate fields for their Surname, First/Given Name, Middle Name, and, if applicable, a suffix.
  - (b) The lived name of the candidate, having separate fields for their Surname, First/Given Name.
- 5.3 The candidate's preferred honorific (e. g. Mr., Ms., Mx.);
- 5.4 The official party of the candidate, with the attachment of the Certificate of Nomination (Section 6 of these guidelines). If the candidate does not represent a party, the candidate must write none or independent or any equivalent terminology.
- 5.5 The official name of the candidate in the ballot, with a maximum of 35 characters. The Commission reserves the right to disqualify a candidate for the use of foul words in the official name;
- 5.6 The established general area of residence of the candidate;
- 5.7 The Student Identification Number of the candidate, as indicated in their Certification from the Admission and Registration Office;
- 5.8 The collegial information of the candidate such as their program, major, section, and the College where they are officially enrolled;
- 5.9 The gender and preferred pronouns of the candidate. They may opt not to answer the field;
- 5.10 The date of birth and age of the candidate upon filing of the certificate;



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- 5.11 The candidate's contact information such as their mobile number, e-mail address, and webmail address.
- 5.12 The status of employment (working student or not) shall be declared but shall not become a basis for disqualification;
- 5.13 A declaration that the candidate is not disqualified in holding elective office;
- 5.14 A declaration that the candidate is qualified to hold such office, a bona fide student of the university, and allegiance to support and defend the Constitution of the Student Council and will maintain true faith and allegiance thereto;
- 5.15 A signed consent to the processing of the information stated herein by the Commission on Elections and other purposes may be provided by law such as R.A. 10173 also known as the Data Privacy Act and among others;
- 5.16 The elective position the candidate seeks office to;
- 5.17 Certification that the information given herein are true and correct to the best of the candidate's knowledge;
- 5.18 The digital graphic of the candidate's signature over printed name;

**WHEREAS**, John Carlo Tatel has submitted a request to the Commission for reconsideration of his application;

WHEREAS, due to internet connectivity issues his initial submission may have appeared incomplete;



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**WHEREAS**, his application was mistakenly placed in a queue for further processing;

**WHEREAS**, the Commission re-deliberated all the requirements of John Carlo Tatel from COED Independent Slate – SULONG;

**WHEREAS**, upon careful consideration and deliberation of the Commission, we will allow John Carlo Tatel to be part of the Student Council Elections as **OFFICIAL CANDIDATE**.

WHEREAS, upon the thorough deliberation done by the Commission, no objections/contentions were raised.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** by virtue of the power vested in the Commission on Elections (COMELEC) being the highest electoral policy-making body hereby acknowledges John Carlo Tatel as one of the official running candidates for the Student Council Elections 2023, BE IT RESOLVED AS IT HEREBY RESOLVES:

**THAT**, John Carlo Tatel shall be added and acknowledged as one of the official candidates for the Student Council Elections 2023.

**THAT,** the Commission shall inform their constituents, mainly the prospective candidates and their paralegals of this resolution, in order to provide guidance and have a systematized election;



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**THAT,** there shall be a furnished copy of this resolution, including any changes made hereto, to the official addresses of Local Student Councils residing in the Polytechnic University of the Philippines -Main Campus.

SO, ORDERED.

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