



# POLYTECHNIC UNIVERSITY OF THE PHILIPPINES STUDENT COUNCIL CONSTITUTIONAL COMMISSIONS COMMISSION ON ELECTIONS

**Commission En Banc**

**Resolution No. 013  
Series of 2024**

## **A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE VERIFICATION PROCESS DURING THE CANVASSING OF VOTES AND THE PROCESS OF CANVASSING OF VOTES**

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

**WHEREAS**, a meeting was conducted online on September 21, 2024, with 12 out of 15 commissioners, thus the meeting was in quorum;

### **VERIFICATION PROCESS DURING THE CANVASSING OF VOTES**

**WHEREAS**, the canvassing of votes for the 2024 Student Council Elections will commence on September 24, 2024 and shall end on September 26, 2024;

**WHEREAS**, Article XI Section 1 of the 2024 Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) states the following:

*Section 1. Election Day – Unless deemed necessary by the Commission to increase the days of election, there shall be at least five (5) consecutive days for casting of votes. As soon as the voting is finished, the canvassing of votes shall commence in designated canvassing areas. The canvassing committee shall compose of official representative of the Commission and the watchers of each political party and independent candidates.*

**WHEREAS**, Article XII Section 1 of the 2024 Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) states that:

*Section 1. As soon as the voting is finished, the canvassing of votes shall commence immediately through physical or virtual means. The Commission shall decide whether the canvassing of votes shall be broadcasted live only on its official social media platforms or shall be conducted in a private, online meeting, with the designated poll watchers of each political party, coalition, or candidate, and student publications only. (Article VII Section 46 of the Election Code).*

**WHEREAS**, Article XII Section 3 of the 2024 Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) states the following:

*Section 3. Determination of the validity of electronic ballots – The Board of Canvassers shall determine the validity of the electronic ballots through cross-matching the casted ballots with the information indicated in Article XI of these Implementing Rules and Regulations.*

**WHEREAS**, Article XII Section 2.1 of the 2024 Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) states the following:

*Section 2.1 Compulsory Attendance of Poll Watchers – Political Parties and Independent candidates shall send at least one poll watcher on their behalf to witness the counting and canvassing of votes. In the event of unavailability of the declared poll watcher, substitution is allowed, provided that the Commission have been informed beforehand.*





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*Should a poll watcher from a party or an independent candidate fail to appear on the day that their College is queued for counting and canvassing, the counting and canvassing of votes shall not commence. In this regard, failure to comply with this Section is subject to the Article X Sec. 4.2 of these Implementing Rules and Regulations.*

**WHEREAS**, the verification will be one college at a time and shall finish all the locality intended for that day before proceeding to the actual canvassing of votes of locality scheduled for that day. However, if the Commission has the time and resources, then they shall verify a locality ahead of time even if they are not scheduled for that day;

**WHEREAS**, the verification process shall start at 9:00 AM and end on 4:30 PM;

### CANVASSING OF VOTES

**WHEREAS**, stated in Article IV Section 22.2.e of the Election Code that the Commission shall “enact and release clear resolutions stating the platform that they will use for the conduct of elections, the canvassing of votes...”

**WHEREAS**, stated in Article XII Section 1 of the Implementing Rules and Regulations that “as soon as the voting is finished, the canvassing of votes shall commence immediately through physical or virtual means. The Commission shall decide whether the canvassing of votes shall be broadcasted live only on its official social media platforms or shall be conducted in a private, online meeting, with the designated poll watchers of each political party or candidate only. (Article VII Section 46 of the Election Code)

**WHEREAS**, the canvassing period shall start from September 24, 2023 and shall end on September 26 2023;

**WHEREAS**, on the canvassing period, the Commission, together with the poll watchers shall count the votes from 9:00 AM onwards physically inside PUP and/or depending on the internet connection of the Commission, counting will also be done online through usage of platforms such as Zoom, Google Meet, etc.;

**WHEREAS**, the Commission agreed to allow a maximum of three (3) representatives from each registered student publication to join the physical canvassing;

**WHEREAS**, the canvassing will be done one locality at a time in accordance to the following schedule:

September 24, 2024

- CADBE
- COC
- CHTM
- CAL
- CAF
- CPSPA

September 25, 2024

- CHK
- CBA
- CS
- ITECH





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- OUS
- CE

September 26, 2024

- CCIS
- COED
- CSSD

**WHEREAS**, the medium to be used in the canvassing of votes is Microsoft Excel/Google Sheets containing the valid student numbers of voters and the number of votes for the college-wide and university-wide student council elections which will be generated from the Microsoft Forms;

**WHEREAS**, the Commission shall include in the summary of returns the total number of eligible voters per college;

**WHEREAS**, the Commission shall count all raw ballots, regardless if it is valid or not, in the summary of returns;

**WHEREAS**, the Commission shall report the number of verified voters that cast their vote and the voter turnout in the summary of returns;

**WHEREAS**, the Commission shall also count the number of rejected ballots;

### A. Rejected ballots

- i. There is a late duplicate of a vote.
- ii. Student number used is not found in the database of the Commission.

**WHEREAS**, the following conditions will determine the validity of votes:

- A. The vote was cast.
- B. For the Local Student Council Councilors, the number of votes cast per voter did not exceed six (6) votes; and
- C. For the Central Student Council Councilors, the number of votes cast per voter did not exceed twelve (12) votes.

**WHEREAS**, upon the completion of the tally of the valid votes, the Commission shall determine the totality of valid votes, and identify the ratio between the vote for each specific candidate and the total number of valid votes;

**WHEREAS**, the Commission will report the ranking of each candidate in the election;

**WHEREAS**, the Commission shall also count the following in each position:

- A. The number of abstain votes per position;
- B. For multiple seat elections, the number of undervotes;
- C. For multiple seat elections, the number of allocated votes. This is done by multiplying the number of valid ballots by the number of allocated votes per voter;
- D. The number of valid ballots casted per position;
  - i. For single-winner elections, the number of valid ballots is determined by the sum of valid votes case and the number of abstentions.
  - ii. For multiple-winner elections, the number of valid ballots is determined by the number of ballots cast not exceeding the number of allocated votes.





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- E. The number of invalid ballots cast per position, which is all ballots that exceeded the number of allocated votes per voter. This only applies to multiple winner election;
- F. The number of ballots cast which is the sum of the valid and invalid ballots.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, by virtue of the power vested in the Student Council Commission on Elections (SC COMELEC) being the highest policy-making body of all elections matters, **BE IT RESOLVED AS IT HEREBY RESOLVES:**

**THAT**, the Commission hereby establishes the process for verifying votes during canvassing and the procedure for canvassing votes.

**RESOLVED FUTHER**, that this resolution shall be implemented immediately and effectively and will continue to be implemented until a contradictory resolution is passed;

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, we the Commissioners of the Polytechnic University of the Philippines of the Philippines, Student Council Commission on Elections Academic Year 2023-2024, have hereunto approved this resolution on September 21, 2024 through an asynchronous discussion;

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, there shall be a furnished copy of this resolution, including any changes made hereto, to the official addresses of the Student Council Assembly, Sentral na Konseho ng Mag-aaral, Local Student Councils, Student Tribunal and Constitutional Commissions, and Student Publications residing in the Polytechnic University of the Philippines - Main Campus.

**SO, ORDERED.**

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