

Republic of the Philippines Polytechnic University of the Philippines Student Council Constitutional Commissions

Commission on Elections

Decision

Decided on: September 26, 2021

Petition: MOTION TO NULLIFY, CEASE, AND SANCTION CAMPAIGN

MATERIALS OF INDEPENDENT SLATES (PUPIAN)

Petitioners: PUP Party for Equality and Advancement of Knowledge (PUP SPEAK)

Respondents: PUP Independent Action Network (PUPIAN)

The motion for nullification is filed before the COMELEC en banc to deliberate on the campaign materials of the independent slates. as stated on the powers and functions of the COMELEC under Article IV, Section 13, Paragraph H of the Student Council Act. No.001 series of 2021, stating that the COMELEC has the power to "Pass and promulgate implementing rules other than this Code and exercise all other powers necessary to administer and ensure a fair, orderly, and honest elections.

The motion is in line with Article VI, Section 27 of the Student Council Act. No.001 series of 2021, which states that: "Campaign Materials - All campaign materials to be used by candidates and political parties shall be previously approved by the Commission during the period of campaign materials evaluation."

Furthermore, Subsection 27.1 also states that: "The Commission shall determine its protocol for collecting and approving the campaign materials in online mode." and on finally, on Subsection 27.2: "The Commission shall determine its protocol for regulating and approving the posting and dissemination of campaign materials to prevent online attacks and other similar violations. It shall maximize the use of the following, but not limited to: watermarks, serial numbers, and QR Codes"

Decision: The motion is denied. The motion has been rendered moot.

The Commission has already issued a sanction to the PUP Independent Action Network (PUPIAN) SKM Slate prior to the complaint.

The commissioner from CCIS issued this opinion, joined unanimously.

The commissioners from CE and CS did not participate in the deliberation of the decision.

The Opinion of the Commission:

The campaign period has already ended, and the campaign materials have been deleted. The slate has already been sanctioned prior to the motion. The nullification and cease of campaign materials is rendered moot.

SO, ORDERED

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