



Republic of the Philippines
Polytechnic University of the Philippines
Student Council Constitutional Commissions
Commission on Elections

RESOLUTION NO. 024 SERIES OF 2021

CANVASSING OF VOTES

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

WHEREAS, ten (10) out of fourteen (14) Commissioners were present, which are the commissioners from the College of Architecture, Design and Built Environment, College of Business Administration, College of Communication, College of Computer and Information Systems, College of Education, College of Engineering, College of Human Kinetics , College of Political Science and Public Administration, College of Social Sciences and Development, and College of Tourism, Hospitality and Transport Management, thus the meeting was in quorum;

WHEREAS, the commissioners from the College of Accountancy and Finance, College of Arts and Letters, College of Science, and Institute of Technology, were not present;

WHEREAS, stated in Article IV Section 13.g 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. 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. (Art. VIII Sec. 34 of the Election Code)”;

WHEREAS, the canvassing period shall start from September 29, 2021 and shall end on October 3, 2021;

WHEREAS, the verification of votes, which is considered as part of the canvassing period, shall be done on the first day by the Commission in the presence of the poll watchers to determine the valid ballots;

WHEREAS, on the succeeding and remaining days within the canvassing period, the Commission, together with the poll watchers, shall count the votes from 8 A.M. onwards via online video conferencing platforms such as Zoom;

WHEREAS, the Commission agreed to allow a maximum of six (6) representatives from the student publications to join during the aforementioned activity;

WHEREAS, the canvassing will be done one college at a time in the following order:

1. College of Architecture, Design and Built Environment (CADBE)
2. College of Accountancy and Finance (CAF)
3. College of Arts and Letters (CAL)
4. College of Business Administration (CBA)
5. College of Computer and Information Sciences (CCIS)
6. College of Engineering (CE)
7. College of Human Kinetics (CHK)
8. College of Communication (COC)
9. College of Education (COED)
10. College of Political Science and Public Administration (CPSPA)
11. College of Science (CS)
12. College of Social Sciences and Development (CSSD)
13. College of Tourism, Hospitality, and Transportation Management (CTHTM)
14. Institute of Technology (ITECH);

WHEREAS, the medium to be used in the canvassing of votes is Microsoft Excel 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 Teams;

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, as established under Resolutions 18, 19, and 20 s.2021;

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

- a. The vote cast was amongst the candidates;
- b. For the College 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; and;

WHEREAS, upon the completion of the tally of the valid votes, the Commission will add all the valid votes, and shall express the ratio between the vote of each specific candidate and the total number of valid votes;

WHEREAS, the Commission will report the placement 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 cast 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.
- 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 elections;
- 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 Commission on Elections (COMELEC) being the highest electoral policy-making body hereby adopts this resolution **BE IT RESOLVED AS IT HEREBY RESOLVES**:

1. **THAT**, the Commission shall inform their constituents, mainly the prospective candidates and their paralegals, of these rules and guidelines, in order to provide guidance and have systematized elections;

2. **TO INFORM AND FURNISH COPIES** of this resolution, including any changes made thereto, to the official addresses of Local Councils residing in the Polytechnic University of the Philippines Main Campus;

SO, ORDERED.

(SGD) JANNETTE PRINCESS V. HINATE

Chairperson

College of Education Commissioner

(SGD) JANEL MARIEKE B. BAÑARIA

Vice Chairperson

College of Social Science and Development
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(SGD) ALEC MARIZ G. AVERILLA

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