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

Commission En Banc

DATE: 13 JULY 2023

PETITION: PETITION TO ADJUST THE PUP STUDENT COUNCIL ELECTION CALENDAR

PETITIONERS: SANDIGAN NG MAG-AARAL PARA SA SAMBAYANAN PUP (SAMASA PUP)

Decision

Sandigan ng Mag-aaral para sa Sambayanan PUP (SAMASA PUP), the petitioners, filed a **Petition to Adjust the PUP Student Council Election Calendar** to the Commission En Banc on July 12, 2023. The petitioners referenced the current University Calendar for the Academic Year 2022-2023 whereas the Final Examinations of Non-Graduating Students are scheduled on July 24 to 30, 2023, which coincides with the set period for Deliberation of Certificate of Candidacy and Verification of Candidates which is scheduled on July 22 to 28, 2023 as per the Student Council Assembly Resolution No. 014, Series of A.Y. 2022-2023 or “A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE CALENDAR FOR THE PUP STUDENT COUNCIL ELECTIONS 2023.”

The petitioners argued that this would affect the participation and performance of all parties involved namely the (1) Commissioners and Deputy Commissioners of the PUP SC Commission on Elections (PUP SC COMELEC), (2) Commissioners and Deputy Commissioners of the PUP SC Commission on Student Accreditation and Organizations (PUP SC COSOA), (3) Commissioners of the PUP SC Commission on Audit (PUP SC COA), (4) Political parties, political coalitions, independent candidates aiming to participate in the PUP SCE 2023, and (5) Students of all undergraduate programs.



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Furthermore, the petitioners argued that with the absence of a Commissioner for the College of Tourism, Hospitality, and Transportation Management (CTHTM) for the PUP SC COMELEC, and vacancy of three (3) Commissioners for PUP SC COA, it would delay further the process of verification of financial liabilities which is an integral part of the deliberation and verification of candidates.

DECISION: The Commission En Banc **GRANTS THE PETITION WITH RESERVATION.** The Commission will adjust the PUP Student Council Elections Calendar whereas the Filing of Certificate of Candidacy shall be extended from July 21 to July 28, and the events scheduled to follow shall be moved accordingly without change to the number of days allotted for each.

The Commissioner from the College of Arts and Letters (CAL) delivered the opinion of the Commission En Banc, joined by the Commissioners from College of Accountancy and Finance (CAF), College of Architecture, Design, and Built Environment (CADBE), College of Business Administration (CBA), College of Communication (COC), College of Computer and Information Sciences (CCIS), College of Education (COED), College of Engineering (CE), College of Human Kinetics (CHK), College of Political Science and Public Administration (CPSPA), College of Social Sciences and Development (CSSD), College of Science (CS), Institute of Technology (ITECH), and Open University System (OUS).

Opinion of the Commission:

The Commission has taken into consideration the concerns of the petitioners and agrees with these. It is the priority of the Commission to make sure that the Student Council Elections be done in an efficient and feasible manner. Given the circumstances the student community is in, whereas the final examinations for non-graduating students are approaching and coincides



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with the deliberation and verification process of aspiring candidates, it is a fact that it would affect all parties involved negatively, particularly the Commission as we may not be able to render proper judgement on deliberations, aspiring candidates and parties may not be able to prepare their required documents, and non-graduating students may not be able to focus on assessing the future candidates all due to our priorities as students.

With concerns to the possible low voters' turnout, the Commission is doing its best in preparing different strategies and plans to increase this year's turnout, but we would like to state that this is a cooperative effort between the Commission and the information we disseminate, and multiple sectors of the student community, as well as the students themselves.

Therefore, we grant this petition with reservations to the proposed amended calendar of the petitioners, as a compromise on our part as we are now currently still in the midst of preparing the documents for the procurement of the material needs for the election season.

SO, ORDERED.

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