

Commission on Elections

DATE: 18 SEPTEMBER 2022

PETITION: MOTION TO RECONSIDER CRISTINE MARIE C. MARTINEZ'

CANDIDACY

PETITIONERS: CRISTINE MARIE C. MARTINEZ

Decision

A motion was filed before the Commissions to redeliberate and reconsider the Certificate of Candidacy filed by MS. CRISTINE MARIE C. MARTINEZ. All aspiring candidates must file a Certificate of Candidacy, in other to participate on the Student Council Election 2022. Article IV, Section 3 of the Implementing Rules and Regulations of the PUP SC COMELEC states:

Filing Period – the period of filing of certificate of candidacy shall be prescribed by the Student Council Assembly. Further, the Commission motu proprio or by petition of any interested party can extend the filing period. Provided that such extension is necessary, with just cause, for the conduct of a widely participated, fair and orderly elections. Provided further, that the copies of the announcement of the filing period and any extension shall be posted on the Commission's official social media platform and shall be sent to all student councils and interested parties.

Article IV Section 4 of the Implementing Rules and Regulations of the PUP SC COMELEC discusses the requirements needed. To wit:

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.

DECISION: THE COMMISSION GRANTS THE PETITION TO RE-DELIBERATE AND RECONSIDER THE CANDIDACY OF CRISTINE MARIE C. MARTINEZ. WITH THAT, THE COMMISSION ACKNOWLEDGES HER AS AN OFFICIAL CANDIDATE FOR THE STUDENT COUNCIL ELECTIONS 2022.

The commissioner from CS, issued this opinion, joined unanimously.

The commissioners from COC, CADBE, CTHTM, CHK, and ITECH did not participate in the said deliberation.

I. OPINION

The petitioner has provided enough and substantial grounds with evidences which support her claim.

As the PUP SC COMELEC exercise its mandates and functions for this upcoming election, especially in processing the Certificate of Candidacy of aspiring students who will soon serve the PUP Studentry, the Commission considers the honest mistake of the candidate.



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The commission put into consideration the material condition of the candidates. The nature of situation differs from one candidate to another.

As already stated in the Election Code and Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) of the PUP SC COMELEC, the PUP SC COMELEC cannot proceed to the release of Official List Candidates for the PUP SCE 2022 without the complete requirements of the candidate. To further address, the ARTICLE X SECTION 1 of the IRR states that "Completion of Requirements – Failure to submit all the requirements on time shall be subjected to disciplinary action and disqualification to extent." Wherein the Article X discusses the grounds for disqualification.

To conclude, as much as the PUP SC COMELEC wants to exercise the respective duties and responsibilities within our mandates, it will always be their truest intentions to serve the student body and aim for the collective success of everyone in the University, especially of the student body. Hence, to be pro-student and servant leaders as we all should be, the PUP SC COMELEC will continue to hear the voices which are needed to be heard and adjust as necessary.

SO, ORDERED.

SIGNATURE REDACTED

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