



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

Commission on Elections

RESOLUTION NO. 020 SERIES OF 2021

VERIFICATION PROCESS DURING THE 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, fourteen (14) out of fourteen (14) Commissioners were present, which are the commissioners from the College of Architecture, Design and Built Environment, College of Accountancy and Finance, College of Arts and Letters, 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 Science, College of Political Science and Public Administration, College of Social Sciences and Development, College of Tourism, Hospitality and Transport Management, and Institute of Technology, thus the meeting was in quorum;

WHEREAS, in Article XII Section 1 of the Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) states 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;

WHEREAS, the canvassing of votes for the 2021 Student Council Elections will commence on September 29, 2021 and shall end on October 3, 2021;

WHEREAS, in Article XII Section 3 of the IRR states that upon determination of the validity of the 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 rules;

WHEREAS, the Commission agreed that the provision stated above will not be implemented since it is not possible due to the absence of student database copy needed for the cross matching. Instead, the Commission will have the support and assistance of Information and Communications Technology Office (ICTO) throughout the process of verification, while ensuring that the Data Privacy Act of 2012 is upheld;

WHEREAS, in the final consultation of the Commission with the ICTO and OSS last September 21, 2021, the office Directors and Commissioners present agreed that the ICTO will forward the necessary details to OSS who will be responsible in assisting the Commission all throughout the verification process;

WHEREAS, there must be one (1) poll watcher from each independent candidate/slate/party per college present at the time that the OSS starts to process the ballots for verification to promote transparency during the verification process;

WHEREAS, the verification will be one college at a time and shall finish all the colleges and institute before proceeding to the actual canvassing of votes;

WHEREAS, the Commission shall send a letter notifying the poll watchers of the details of the meeting for the verification process;

WHEREAS, the verification process shall start at 9 A.M. on September 29, 2021;

WHEREAS, the Commission voted unanimously in favor of this resolution;

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.

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Chairperson

College of Education Commissioner

(SGD) JANEL MARIEKE B. BAÑARIA

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