

# Commission on Elections

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 016, SERIES OF 2022**

# A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE RULES AND GUIDELINES OF CAMPAIGN ACTIVITIES FOR 2022 STUDENT COUNCIL ELECTIONS

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

WHEREAS, the Commission convened online on September 9, 2022;

WHEREAS, the meeting was in quorum;

**WHEREAS**, on the 5<sup>th</sup> of September 2022, the Commission released Resolution No. 011 series of 2022, also known as "Rules and Guidelines of Campaign Activities for 2022 Student Council Elections;

WHEREAS, upon the discussion and thorough assessment done by the Commission, they decided to amend the Rules and Guidelines of Campaign Activities for 2022 Student Council Elections to make it better and more detailed;

WHEREAS, the Commission in quorum decided to revoke Sections 5.1.2.3, 6.1.3, and 8.1.1

5.1.2.3 The candidate, slate, or party must provide the Commission a meeting link of the said exclusive webinar. At least two (2) commissioners and/or deputy commissioners will be present to monitor the entire webinar.



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- 6.1.3 There shall be at least two (2) Commissioner or Deputy Commissioner present on the event to monitor if the attendees are following all the guidelines of the Commission.
- 8.1.1 The relatives and friends of the candidates are only allowed to share the approved publicity materials that will be posted on the official Facebook page of the candidates, slates, or parties. They cannot grab the publicity materials and post it as their own.

WHEREAS, upon the discussion, the Commission in quorum decided to replace both Sections 5.1.2.3 and 6.1.3 with the same content;

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WHEREAS, it is stated under Section 6.1.4 that political candidates, slates, and parties must submit a permit to the Commission from the Local Government Unit (LGU) that allows them to use the venue for their physical activity;

Section 6.1.4 Physical activity inside the university is not allowed at any time. If the political candidates, slates, and parties wish to choose a different venue, they must submit a permit to the commission from the Local Government Unit (LGU) that allows them to use the venue for their physical activity.

**WHEREAS**, instead of a permit from the LGU, the Commission decided to encourage the political candidates, slates, and parties to submit to Commission the permit requiring them to use a specific place if the caretakers require it;



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Section 6.1.4 Physical activity inside the university is not allowed at any time. If the political candidates, slates, and parties wish to choose a different venue that requires a permit, they are encouraged to submit to Commission that permit.

WHEREAS, the Commission decided to style amend 7.2.1, specifically the 2"x3";

Section 7.2.1 For physical activities, the size of their campaign materials must range from 2 inches by 3 inches to 6 feet by 10 feet.

**WHEREAS**, the Commission decided to style amend the term "outsiders" under Section 8.1 into "non-PUPians";

Section 8.1 Endorsement and Campaigning from Outsiders – all non-bona fide students of PUP - Main Campus, organizations outside the PUP Main Campus and not recognized by the COSOA are considered as non-PUPians.

**WHEREAS**, the Commission decided to amend Section 8.1.1 regarding the endorsement of non-PUPians, so they can have the freedom to endorse/campaign for a political party/candidate since it it not under the jurisdiction of the Commission;

Section 8.1.1 Non-PUPians may endorse/campaign for a political party/candidate on their own respective social media accounts.

**WHEREAS**, one of the prohibited acts under Section 8 is the physical and online campaigning activities, which is under 8.1.2;

Section 8.1.2 For physical and online campaigning activities, influencers are allowed to campaign for a candidate, slate, or party as long as they are bona fide students of the University and are not paid.



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WHERAS, the Commission decided to amend Section 8.1.2;

Section 8.1.2 For physical ang online campaigning activities, individuals are allowed to campaign for a candidate, slate, or party as long as they are bona fide students of the University and there is no financial compensation involved in exchange of the campaigning/endorsement.

WHEREAS, the Non-Removal of Campaign Materials was defined under Section 8.2;

Section 8.2 Non-Removal of Campaign Materials after Miting de Avance/Before the Casting of Votes – All campaign materials shall be deleted on all social media pages and accounts of the political parties, slates, and candidates a day before the casting of votes, 22nd of September midnight.

**WHEREAS**, the body decided to amend Section 8.2 to align it with the Election Code of the PUP Student Council and the Implementing Rules and Regulations for the Student Council Elections 2022;

Section 8.2 Non-Removal of Campaign Materials - All campaign materials shall be preserved and must not be compulsorily removed even after the campaign and election period. Further, the Commission may set-up a public archive containing all independently collated campaign materials. This public archive shall be made available even after the election period.

**WHEREAS**, the Commission in quorum adopted the said amendments with no objections/contentions raised.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, by virtue of the power vested in the Commission on Elections (COMELEC) being the highest electoral policy-making body hereby amends the Rules and Guidelines of Campaign Activities for 2022 Student Council Elections, **BE IT RESOLVED AS IT HEREBY RESOLVES**:



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**THAT**, the adopted amendments under Sections 5.1.2.3, 6.1.3, 6.1.4, 7.2.1, 8.1, 8.1.1, 8.1.2, and 8.2 shall be included in the Rules and Guidelines of Campaign Activities for 2022 Student Council Elections immediately.

**THAT,** this will continue being implemented until another contradicting resolution is created.

**THAT**, the Commission shall inform their constituents, primarily prospective candidates, and their respective paralegals, of the revised Rules and Guidelines of Campaign Activities for 2022 Student Council Elections in order to provide guidance and ensure a well-organized election.

**THAT**, there shall be a furnished copy of this resolution, including any changes made hereto, to the official addresses of Local Student Councils residing in the Polytechnic University of the Philippines -Main Campus.

SO, ORDERED.



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