



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

**Commission on Elections**

**RESOLUTION NO. 018 SERIES OF 2021**

**ELIGIBILITY OF VOTERS AND ADJUSTMENT OF THE CASTING 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**, thirteen (13) 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, and College of Tourism, Hospitality and Transport Management, thus the meeting was in quorum;

**WHEREAS**, the commissioners from the Institute of Technology was not present;

**WHEREAS**, the casting of votes for the 2021 Student Council Elections will commence on September 24, 2021 and shall end on September 28, 2021;

**WHEREAS**, Article VIII Section 2 of the Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) states that all bona fide students shall be allowed to cast their votes;

**WHEREAS**, in a ruling issued by the Commission, the binding precedent of the decision established that suffrage, as defined under Article IV Section 12 of the constitution, is not a guaranteed right to all students of this University;

**WHEREAS**, the guarantee must be established first through policy set by the Student Council Assembly to make it universal for all students upon ratifying the 2021 Student Council Election Code;

**WHEREAS**, the ruling above was upheld in the recent decision of the Commission in September 19, 2021 to the previous decision's motion for reconsideration.

**WHEREAS**, the majority opinion of the Commission states that the COMELEC shall be composed of one (1) representative from each college, excluding the College of Law, as

established by precedent, the seats of the Commission are apportioned equally to the colleges and institutes of the university;

**WHEREAS**, in the inquiry of which of the programs are allowed to participate in the Student Council Elections, only the undergraduate students are recognized to participate in the elections, not by law, election documents or any formal declaration, but by precedent, established in the most preceding elections, which was on March 2019;

**WHEREAS**, the students enrolled in the undergraduate programs from the fourteen (14) local colleges and institute in PUP – Main Campus, established in the Commission’s decision and judicial opinion, are the only eligible voters for the 2021 Student Council Elections;

**WHEREAS**, Article VIII Section 3 of the Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) states that the voters shall proceed to their respective online and electronic polling precincts and shall present their registration cards;

**WHEREAS**, the Commission agreed to not enforce the aforementioned provision of the IRR since the voting platform will use the *Iskolar ng Bayan* webmail accounts of the bona fide students; the Information and Communication Technology Office and the Office of the Student Services will give assistance to the Commission in the verification of students;

**WHEREAS**, Article VIII Section 1 of the IRR states that the casting of votes starts at eight (8) o’clock in the morning and shall end at six (6) o’ clock in the evening;

**WHEREAS**, the Commission agreed that the casting of votes will start at eight (8) o’clock in the morning and shall end at ten (10) o’ clock in the evening to give consideration for students under the correspondence mode of learning and working students;

**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.**

**(SGD) JANNETTE PRINCESS V. HINATE**  
*Chairperson*  
College of Education Commissioner

**JANEL MARIEKE B. BAÑARIA**  
*Vice Chairperson*  
College of Social Science and Development  
Commissioner

**(SGD) ALEC MARIZ G. AVERILLA**  
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College of Human Kinetics Commissioner

**(SGD) KATHERINE CLAIRE A. HOANG**  
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**ANGELA LUISA H.  
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College of Accountancy and Finance  
Commissioner

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College of Arts and Letters Commissioner

**(SGD) ELIZABETH MARIE G. ANDAYA**  
College of Business Administration  
Commissioner

**(SGD) PETER THADDEUS V. IBAÑEZ**  
College of Communication Commissioner

**(SGD) MARC JOSEPH V. BARCIAL**  
College of Computer and Information  
Systems Commissioner

**(SGD) CHARLIZE KRIZIA R. LOPEZ**  
College of Engineering Commissioner

**(SGD) FRANZ MARIELLA D.  
SUMOCOL**  
College of Science Commissioner

**(SGD) CYRUS JAMES P. MAGSINO**  
College of Political Science and Public  
Administration Commissioner

**(SGD) KRISTAN MARK F. BERNARDO**  
College of Tourism, Hospitality and  
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**DIVINA I. ASIS**  
Institute of Technology Commissioner