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RESOLUTION NO. 015 SERIES OF 2021

**GENERAL GUIDELINES FOR THE 2021 COLLEGE-WIDE MITING DE AVANCE
FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2021-2022 ELECTIONS**

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 Accountancy and Finance, , College of Architecture, Design and Built Environment, College of Business Administration, College of Communication, College of Education, College of Computer and Information Sciences, College of Engineering, College of Human Kinetics, College of Science, College of Social Sciences and Development, College of Political Science and Public Administration, College of Tourism, Hospitality and Transport Management, and Institute of Technology,, thus the meeting was in quorum;

WHEREAS, the commissioner from the College of Arts and Letters was not present;

WHEREAS, with the authority vested to the Commission by the PUP Election Code of 2021 pursuant to Section 26, 26.1, and 26.2 of Article VI:

Section 26. Campaign Period – The campaign period shall be fixed by the Student Council Assembly. Unless otherwise provided, the campaign period shall be at least seven (7) days. The “Meeting de Avance” shall be held next to the last day of the campaign period. Provided that the Commission on Election shall release guidelines for the “Meeting de Avance”.

26.1 The Commission shall encourage and provide support to colleges who will conduct their own Meeting de Avance.

26.2 The campaign period guidelines shall be fixed by the Commission on Election as prescribed by the Student Council Assembly.

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The COMELEC shall perform such other functions as may be necessary for the full implementation of this Code, consistent with the requirements of a free, fair, honest, and orderly election.

WHEREAS, Section 1 and 1.a of Article VI of the Implementing Rules and Regulations express provisions regarding the campaign period and *Miting de Avance*.

NOW THEREFORE, the COMELEC hereby decrees that the following shall be known as the GENERAL GUIDELINES FOR THE 2021 COLLEGE-WIDE MITING DE AVANCE FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2021-2022 ELECTIONS.



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The *Miting de Avance* or final rally is an old ritual adapted to recent times. It is a meeting a party and its candidates hold before the Election Day, or on the evening of the last day of the official campaign period.

In PUP, *Miting De Avance* is an event where the official candidates are presented to its constituents. The candidates for President, Vice President and Councilor shall present their platforms and advocacies to the student body and answer the questions from the studentry which will help the students to determine their preferred candidates to hold a specific position.

OBJECTIVES:

1. To formally introduce all the candidates for College Student Council to its constituents;
2. To enable the candidates to convey their advocacies and platforms to all students of PUP Main Campus within their respective colleges; and
3. To guide the students of PUP Main Campus in choosing candidates to vote in the upcoming online elections.

GENERAL GUIDELINES

A. EVENT SCHEDULES

1. The *Miting de Avance* (MDA) per local college in PUP Main Campus shall be done upon request. Filing for MDA request may be done from **September 10-14, 2021**.
2. The schedules for local MDA is from **September 15 to 20, excluding September 19**, as stated in Article 6, Section 1 that campaigns **shall not take place on Sundays**.
3. The time slot for local MDA will depend upon its availability within the preferred date, which will only be confirmed by the Commission. The **maximum schedule for MDA sessions will be three (3) per day** with a **1-hour gap** in between. The following are the available time slots:
 - a. **9:00am to 12:00am (morning session)**
 - b. **1:00pm to 3:00pm (afternoon session)**
 - c. **4:00pm to 7:00pm (evening session)**
4. The concerned parties shall be in consensus regarding the scheduling of local MDA. A letter containing the following details shall be submitted to the Commission's e-mail account **two (2) to three (3) days before the target date**:
 - A. **Date and Time;**
 - B. **Names of Candidates for both parties; and**
 - C. **Signature of their respective paralegals.**

B. PARTICIPANTS

1. All candidates for College Student Council President, Vice President and Councilor, together with their campaign managers must be present in a meeting link **thirty (30) minutes before the MDA commences**. There will be a short briefing before the MDA begins.



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2. All Commissioners and selected Deputy Commissioners shall be present in the same zoom meeting.
3. Official student publication in their local college invited by the Commission to cover the entire MDA shall send **at most two (2) representatives**.

C. PLATFORM

1. The Commissioners and selected Deputy Commissioners, official candidates with their respective campaign managers, and representatives from official publications in PUP are the only persons allowed to enter the meeting link.
2. An invitation letter including the zoom meeting link will be sent to all participants involved **two (2) to three (3) days before the event**.
3. All candidates and campaign managers are not allowed to give side comments to their opposition during the event to maintain orderliness inside the zoom. The Commission has the power to remove anyone who will cause trouble inside the zoom meeting after the first warning.
4. The MDA will be streamed LIVE on the official Facebook page of the COMELEC. The Commission has the power to restrict the comment section of the live event should there be any malicious statements and/or attacks from the viewers.
5. Live postings and/or tweets by the candidates/parties/slates through their official social media accounts shall be permitted for as long as it will not cause any trouble and/or harm towards their opponents.

D. MATERIALS FOR MDA

1. All materials that will be used by the candidates/parties/slates shall be submitted to the Commission **three (3) days before the MDA**. It may include PowerPoint presentation, audio-visual presentation, zoom backdrop, and other materials that they will maximize during the event.
 - i. The Commission is responsible for checking the materials given by the candidates/parties/slates. All materials that will be presented during the main event will be **managed by the technical team of COMELEC**.
 - ii. The candidates/parties/slates may attach a Google Drive link containing all the materials and send it through Commission's e-mail.
2. All candidates/slates/parties must submit a document containing the **list of their candidates and their platforms**. Any format will do for as long as all the details needed by the Commission are present in the document.
 - i. They must submit the file in pdf format with the filename: **[MDA_NAME OF PARTY/SLATE] or [MDA_NAME OF INDEPENDENT CANDIDATE]**.
 - ii. All files shall be submitted through Commission's e-mail.

E. PROGRAM FLOW

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<i>Allotted Time</i>	<i>Program Segment</i>	<i>Persons Involved</i>
20 mins.	<i>Short Briefing of the Candidates</i>	<i>Overall Chair</i>
3 mins	<i>Countdown</i>	<i>Technical Committee</i>
5 mins	<i>Doxology & National Anthem</i>	-



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5 mins	<i>Opening Spiels</i>	<i>Masters of Ceremonies</i>
40 mins	Phase 1: <i>Talk to the Isko and Iska</i> (Brief Introduction of Each candidate together with their platforms)	<i>Campaign Managers, Candidates</i>
45 mins	Phase 2: <i>Re-Aksyon</i> (Question and Answer)	<i>All Candidates</i>
5 mins	<i>BREAK</i>	-
10 mins	Phase 3: <i>Your Choice!</i> (Fast Talk)	<i>Presidential and Vice Presidential Candidates</i>
45 mins	Phase 4: <i>Iskwestiyons</i> (Open Forum)	<i>All Candidates</i>
10 mins	Phase 5: <i>The Bottomline</i> (Closing Statements)	<i>Presidential Candidates</i>
3 mins	<i>Closing Remarks</i>	<i>Chairperson</i>
3 mins	<i>Takeaways and Announcements</i>	<i>Masters of Ceremonies</i>
3 mins	<i>PUP Hymn</i>	-

F. BREAKDOWN OF MDA PARTS – The *Miting de Avance* will be divided into 5 phases;

PHASE 1: TALK TO THE ISKO AND ISKA – Introduction of the Candidates

- The Campaign Manager shall introduce their party/slates/candidates within **three (3) minutes**. Any style of introduction is allowed.
- If the Campaign Manager is **not present**, the moderators of the COMELEC will introduce the independent candidate.
- If in case there is no present Campaign Manager, the candidate shall send their introduction to the Commission **three (3) days before the scheduled MDA**.
- After the Campaign Manager introduced, Presidential and Vice-Presidential candidates have **ten (10) minutes in total to introduce themselves and the platforms of their party/slate**. It is on their discretion how they will present their platforms for as long as it will **not exceed ten (10) minutes**. For the candidates of Councilor position, they only have **two (2) minutes** to introduce themselves.
- The order of introduction will start from the Presidential candidate, then the Vice Presidential candidate, and finally candidates for Councilor.
- The Commission will flash a timer for each candidate for them to be informed with their time. The moderator has the right to cut them off once they have already consumed the time allotted for them.



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PHASE 2: RE-AKSYON – Question and Answer

- i. The Commission will have a set of questions for the candidates. The questions will be randomly crafted by the Commission.
- ii. The Commission will also post a Google form link on its Official Facebook page **two (2) days before the actual MDA** to allow all students of PUP Main Campus to address their questions.
- iii. Anyone from the candidates/slates/parties can answer the question unless the question pertains to a specific candidate.
- iv. The candidates will only have **two (2) minutes to answer the question**.
- v. Follow-up question/s may be asked by the moderator, which shall only be **answered by candidate in one (1) minute**.
- vi. The order of this portion shall be determined through draw lots during the briefing for MDA.
- vii. The Commission will flash a timer for each candidate for them to be informed with their time. The moderator has the right to cut them off once they have already consumed the time allotted for them.

PHASE 3: YOUR CHOICE – Fast Talk

- i. The Commission will prepare a set of question/s for each **Presidential and Vice-Presidential candidate only**.
- ii. Each Presidential and Vice-Presidential candidate has **two (2) minutes to answer all the questions** in the fast talk. The timer will start right after the question is completely delivered.
- iii. Questions must be either answerable by YES or NO or a choice between two things. Candidates are allowed to state their **reason for their answer within five (5) seconds only**.

PHASE 4: ISKWESTIYONS – Open Forum

- i. The Commission will allow the candidates to ask prepared questions to their opposition. Each party/slate can ask a **maximum of three (3) questions** to other party/slate. It is on the discretion of the party/slate whom they will ask.
- ii. The candidate being asked is required to answer the question. They only have **two (2) minutes to answer each question** given. The timer will start right after the question is completely delivered.
- iii. The Commission has the right to interrupt at any moment once the question/s or answer/s of the candidate is/are deemed inappropriate, unethical, and/or against any other candidate.

PHASE 5: THE BOTTOMLINE – Closing Statements

- i. The CSC presidential candidates shall deliver their closing statements. They only have a **maximum of three (3) minutes** each to talk to their constituents and for their final words.

NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of the power vested in the Commission on Elections (COMELEC) being the highest electoral policy-making body hereby amends and approves the General Guidelines for the 2021 College-Wide Miting de Avance for the Academic Year 2021-2022 Election **BE IT RESOLVED AS IT HEREBY RESOLVES:**



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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 a systematized election;
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

(SGD) JANEL MARIEKE B. BANARIA

Vice Chairperson

College of Social Science and Development
Commissioner

(SGD) ALEC MARIZ G. AVERILLA

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(SGD) KATHERINE CLAIRE A. HOANG

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Environment Commissioner

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