



Republic of the Philippines  
Polytechnic University of the Philippines  
Student Council Constitutional Commissions  
**Commission on Elections**

**Decision**

Decided on: September 26, 2021

**Petition:**      **MOTION FOR AN EXTENSION OF THE CAMPAIGN PERIOD**

**Petitioners:**   **PUP Party for Equality and Advancement of Knowledge (PUP SPEAK)**

This motion for an extension is filed before the COMELEC *en banc* to deliberate on the matter to extend the campaign period as stated on the powers and functions of the COMELEC under Article IV, Section 13, Paragraph H of the Student Council Act. No.001 series of 2021, stating that the COMELEC has the power to “Pass and promulgate implementing rules other than this Code and exercise all other powers necessary to administer and ensure a fair, orderly, and honest elections.

The motion is in line with the Article VI, Section 26 of the Student Council Act. No.001 series of 2021, stating that: “Unless otherwise, provided, the campaign period shall be at least seven (7) days.”

The motion is in line with the Article IV Section 13, Paragraph G, of the Student Council Act. No.001 series of 2021, stating that one of the powers and functions of the COMELEC is to: “Enact and release clear resolutions stating the platform that they will use for the conduct of elections, the canvassing of votes, and the platform for regulating the campaign materials and campaign activities.”

The motion is in line with the Article VII Section 31, of the Student Council Act. No.001 series of 2021, stating that: “Platform for Elections - The elections shall be held online, and the Commission shall have an operational plan that shall serve as their technical guide for the conduct of the elections. This plan shall be made available to all voters, candidates, and interested parties.

**Decision:**      The motion is denied. The motion has been rendered moot.

A matter is moot if further legal proceedings with regard to it can have no effect.

The commissioner from CCIS issued this opinion, joined unanimously.

The commissioners from CE and CS did not participate in the deliberation of the decision.

**The Opinion of the Commission:**

The Commission cannot grant the motion because the voting already started upon reaching this motion. The case has been rendered moot.

The motion was sent to the Commission on the last day of the Campaign Period.

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**SO, ORDERED**

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*Chairperson*  
College of Education Commissioner

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