

POLYTECHNIC UNIVERSITY OF THE PHILIPPINES

PETITION TO ALLOW THE SWITCHING OF PRESIDENT CANDIDATE CHEENIE ANNE SABILE AND COUNCILOR CANDIDATE CAMILLE CORREA'S POSITION

College of Education Independent Slate,

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COME NOW, The College of Education Independent Slate in the above-titled petition and unto this Honorable Commission respectfully states:

- That on July 28, 2023, the College of Education Independent Slate submitted their Certificate of Candidacy for the upcoming student council election.
- That on July 31, 2023, the College of Education Independent Slate submitted their party registration for them to be recognized as candidates running in one banner.
- That on August 3, 2023, the paralegal of the College of Education Independent Slate was notified by President Candidate – Cheenie Anne Sabile her intent to file a withdrawal of candidacy. It was revealed that candidate Cheenie Anne Sabile is dealing an undisclosable personal matter that is severely affecting her mental health in great levels, hence her decision.
- That on August 4, 2023, the President Candidate – Cheenie Anne Sabile submitted her withdrawal of Certificate of Candidacy through Councilor Candidate – Elmira Faustino, who also submitted her withdrawal of candidacy. Nonetheless, both candidates decided to pull out their withdrawal of candidacy.
- That on August 4, 2023, at 8 PM the candidates of the College of Education Independent Slate along with their paralegal conducted another emergency meeting to deal and create a contingency plan. Hence, resulted to the decision that Councilor Candidate – Camille Correa will swap/switch her position with President Candidate – Cheenie Anne Sabile.
- That the College of Education Independent Slate believes that the switching of position by Candidate Cheenie Anne Sabile and Camille Correa does not violate any provision and regulations provided in the IRR and Election Code, hence its possibility.
- That the College of Education Independent Slate believes that even though it was a given that running in such position takes great responsibility, the fact that mental health is an issue that cannot be overlook. Recognizing its importance will allow us to foster resilience, cope with challenges, and lead fulfilling lives.

The Coed Independent Slate believes that with further understanding and leniency of the SC COMELEC, as the guardian of our democratic principles, will prioritize the interests of the electorate and take appropriate action to implement the requested switch in positions of the candidates.

PRAYER

WHEREFORE, it is respectfully prayed of this Honorable Commission to immediately issue a notice of hearing for this petition. Please take notice that the movants, invoking their right to due process and upholding fair elections, have requested to be heard on *08/05/23* at exactly *5:00pm*

WHEREFORE, it is respectfully prayed of this Honorable Commission to consider the request of switching of the position of the mentioned candidates.

WHEREFORE, it is respectfully prayed of this Honorable Commission to grant the petition as early as they could.

WHEREFORE, it is respectfully prayed of this Honorable Commission to render an immediate judgment on this petition.



John Kim Panta
Paralegal