



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

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**Commission Division Two**

**DATE:** 5 AUGUST 2023

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

**PETITIONERS:** College of Education Independent Slate

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**Decision**

College of Education Independent Slate, the petitioners, filed a **Motion to Allow the Switching of President Candidate Cheenie Anne Sabile and Councilor Candidate Camille Correa's Position** to the Commission Division 2 on August 4, 2023. The petitioners referred that the switching of positions by Candidate Cheenie Anne Sabile and Camille Corre and does not violate any regulations provided in the IRR and Election Code.

The petitioners claim that on July 28, 2023, College of Education Independence Slate submitted a certificate of candidacy, and on August 3, 2023, the paralegal of College of Education Independent Slate was informed by President Candidate - Cheenie Anne Sabile announced her intention to apply a withdrawal her candidacy. It was revealed that candidate Cheenie Anne Sabile was dealing with an undisclosed personal matter that was seriously affecting her mental health to a significant extent, therefore she made the decision.

They have also believed that while it is clear that running in such a position has great responsibility, the reality is that mental health is an issue that cannot be ignored. Recognizing its importance will allow us to foster resilience, face challenges, and lead fulfilled lives.



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**DECISION:** With 7 votes of not in favor, the Commission Division Two **DENIES THE PETITION** by the petitioners, COED SULONG, to allow the switching of President candidate Cheenie Anne Sabile and Councilor candidate Camille Correa's Position. The Commission will not grant the COED SULONG on switching of positions whereas the filing of the petition is late and the official list is already posted on the public."

The Commissioner from the College Arts and Letters (CAL) delivered the opinion of the Commission Division Two, joined by the College of Business Administration (CBA), College of Architecture, Design and the Built Environment (CADBE), College of Computer and Information Sciences (CCIS), College of Social Sciences and Development (CSSD), College of Tourism, Hospitality, and Transportation Management (CTHTM), and Institute of Technology (ITECH).

**Opinion of the Commission Division Two:**

The Commission has already denied the petition with regards to the concerns raised by the petitioners. The period for filing the certificate of candidacy was extended for 2 times, so the email of the petition was received on August 4, 2023, in which is deliberation is already done. The petitioners also believe the with the understanding of SC COMELEC in terms of leniency, appropriate action will be implemented.

The Commission also said that the presidential candidate from the College of Education already send a withdrawal letter hours before the petition was made. Regarding the withdrawal letter, with all the processes the Commission must go through such as deliberating the COC and other documents. The petitioners also argue that the switching of running position was not violated the IRR and Provision. Given the circumstances, the provisions were not always specific and required in-depth interpretation, it was not specified but it was to be interpreted as such that



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switching would fall under the process of re-filing. According to the Election Code and Comprehensive Guidelines for the Filing of COC and Deliberation in Resolution 10, “There is a specific period for filing of COC”. Therefore, the re-filing of COC after the Period for Filing of COC was not allowed.

With the lack of other objective data and information, timeliness of the filing of the petition, and the concerns of the Commission to deliver better service through the set internal schedule, the Commission Division Two denies this petition.

**SO, ORDERED.**

**(SGD) GAD THOMAS DEUEL S. MENDIOLA**

*Chairperson*

College of Arts and Letters Commissioner

**(SGD) PIOLO MIGUEL A. BARCELONA**

College of Architecture, Design, and Built Environment Commissioner

**(SGD) ADAM JESS C. DE GUZMAN**

College of Business Administration Commissioner

**(SGD) LUKE MARK P. LEONA**

College of Computer and Information Sciences Commissioner

**(SGD) PAUL JANRY D. ROLUSTA**

College of Social Sciences and Development Commissioner

**(SGD) JUAN MIGUEL G. MORADO**

College of Tourism, Hospitality, and Transportation Management Commissioner



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**(SGD) KEREN CLAIRE L. CABUELLO**  
Institute of Technology Commissioner

