

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

# Commission on Elections

# **RESOLUTION NO. 023 SERIES OF 2021**

# ROLE OF OFFICE OF THE STUDENT SERVICES (OSS) IN THE VERIFICATION PROCESS

**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, eleven (11) 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 Computer and Information Systems, College of Education, College of Engineering, College of Human Kinetics, 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 commissioner from the College of Communication, College of Science and Institute of Technology were not present;

WHEREAS, stated in Article II Section 3.a of 2021 Student Council Election Code, amended and ratified by the Student Council Assembly (SCA) that Administration Coordination refers to the necessary and bounded coordination of the Student Council Assembly and COMELEC with the University Administration to effectively implement the elections and ensure order. This includes, but not limited to (1) imposition of disciplinary actions by the OSS on election violators as prescribed by the Student Handbook, and (2) procurement of verified PUP webmail accounts of the student body through the ICTO.

**WHEREAS,** in the legal opinion given by the Chief Legal Counsel of the University, the Commission was recommended to coordinate with the Office of the Student Services (OSS) who has the ability to endorse the request to the Information and Communications Technology Office (ICTO) to devise a mechanism for a safe, secured and reliable conduct of elections.

**WHEREAS,** the Commission agreed to follow the recommendation of the Chief Legal Counsel as it is also allowed by the 2021 Student Council Election Code, and this is the only allowed means of procurement of the data and resources that the Commission needs for the conduct of election processes;

**WHEREAS,** in the consultation of the Commission with the OSS and ICTO, Dr. Lutzer Reyes, the director of ICTO, guaranteed that the office will hand over the data the Commission needs to the OSS to ensure that personal information of the students will not be shared to a third party.

**WHEREAS,** the ICTO, being occupied with the ongoing enrollment for the A.Y 2021-2022, has asked for the coordination of OSS in overseeing the verification process to be conducted by the Commission;

**WHEREAS,** the OSS shall only provide the data, and the Commissioners present during the process shall be the only persons allowed to conduct such verification;

**WHEREAS,** the OSS shall not direct the Commission on what it needs to do, however, it shall entertain queries and concerns of the attendees involved that can help to ease the process;

**WHEREAS,** the OSS shall strictly implement health protocols needed to be observed during the entire activity;

**WHEREAS,** the OSS shall provide the resources that the Commission may need during the verification process, such as, but not limited to projectors, and other technological devices;

**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;
- 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.

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(SGD) JANEL MARIEKE B. BAÑARIA

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