



# The 4th Student Assembly

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**Resolution No. 019-2425**

## **A Resolution Urging the Student Executive Councils (SECs) of the Ateneo de Davao University to Strengthen their Student Judicial Court Application Campaign and Modifying Applicant Qualifications**

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**WHEREAS**, Article II. Section 1 of the SAMAHAN Constitution states that the SAMAHAN is the sole autonomous and the highest undergraduate student government of the Ateneo de Davao University. Its decisions and acts should always be reflective of the students themselves, and as such, powers emanate immediately from and belong ultimately to the student body. These powers are exercised through the governing bodies instituted in this Constitution.

**WHEREAS**, Article II. Section 2 of the SAMAHAN Constitution states that the SAMAHAN is a democratic, republican, and representative government founded on the principles of participatory democracy, transparency, accountability, student representation, synergy, and collaboration with other units of the University and other institutions.

**WHEREAS**, Article II. Section 4 (Paragraph 1) of the SAMAHAN Constitution states that the SAMAHAN, at all times, strives to Defend and promote the rights and general welfare of all the undergraduate students of the Ateneo de Davao University and of every individual regardless of their gender, religion, academic status, race, and citizenship.

**WHEREAS**, the preceding provision implies that a SAMAHAN Student Court must safeguard the rights of students and ensure justice within the student community.

**WHEREAS**, Article II. Section 4 (Paragraph 2) of the SAMAHAN Constitution states that the SAMAHAN, at all times, strives to provide a multi-sectoral dialogue that is open to all members of the University community and that advocates for free discussion in matters of public interests – political, cultural, religious, social, and environmental.



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**WHEREAS**, the preceding provision suggests that the SAMAHAN Student Court should support free discussion and ensure a platform for all voices to be heard, especially when dealing with student grievances.

**WHEREAS**, Article II. Section 4 (Paragraph 2) of the SAMAHAN Constitution states that the SAMAHAN, at all times, strives to develop a responsive student government that will put the educational opportunity to optimal use and look after the unity and welfare of the whole student body and the greater community.

**WHEREAS**, the preceding provision highlights the need for a responsive SAMAHAN Student Court to address student concerns effectively, ensuring it serves the student body's interests.

**WHEREAS**, Article VI. Section 1 of the SAMAHAN Constitution outlines that the judicial power shall be vested in the SAMAHAN Student Court. The SAMAHAN Student Court shall be responsible for reviewing the constitutionality of decisions made by the SAMAHAN, as well as settling controversies involving student rights and those involving the SAMAHAN as an organization.

**WHEREAS**, Article VI. Section 2 (Paragraph 2) of the SAMAHAN Constitution states that Associate Justices shall be nominated by their respective academic clusters and then appointed after constitutional examination.

**WHEREAS**, the SAMAHAN Commission on Students' Rights and Welfare, tasked with the duty to convene the SAMAHAN Student Court, has acknowledged the urgency of finding qualified applicants for the position of Associate Justices.

**WHEREAS**, the campaign for applications for the position of Associate Justices has been minimal due to the limited reach of the SAMAHAN Commission on Students' Rights and Welfare.

**WHEREAS**, the Student Executive Councils of Ateneo de Davao university, composed of representatives and officers from various academic units, have a wider reach and more direct engagement with their respective members, allowing for better dissemination of information.

**WHEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Student Assembly approves the expansion of the campaign efforts for Associate Justices applications by engaging the Student Executive Councils of Ateneo de Davao University to strengthen the outreach and dissemination efforts using the model of the School of Engineering and Architecture.



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**RESOLVED FURTHER**, that the Student Executive Councils of each academic cluster shall be tasked with promoting and encouraging qualified students to apply for the Associate Justice positions, thereby maximizing student participation.

**RESOLVED FURTHER**, that the Student Executive Councils of each academic cluster shall be mandated to create a publication material to promote the campaign for Associate Justices Application following the model set by the School of Engineering and Architecture. The publication material shall reflect the requirements outlined in Memorandum 2024-02 released by the SAMAHAN Commission on Students' Rights and Welfare. The publication materials shall then be published on the respective social media platforms of the Student Executive Councils.

**RESOLVED FURTHER**, that the Student Executive Councils must spearhead a campaign effort within their respective academic units, utilizing their reach to obtain at least one recommendation of a willing and qualified individual per class. The Student Executive Councils shall then review and filter the recommendations, selecting the most promising applicants, with a maximum of three per academic cluster, for final consideration.

**RESOLVED FURTHER**, that the qualifications for Associate Justices be expanded to include first-year students and individuals who have renounced any university political affiliation within the same year and the succeeding years of their application, provided that they did not hold core positions in the political party, head in any political party program/project, and signed a declaration of independence attesting to the fact, provided further they meet the other necessary qualifications for the position.

**RESOLVED FURTHER**, that the SAMAHAN Commission on Students' Rights and Welfare, in collaboration with the Student Executive Councils, shall monitor the progress of the campaign and ensure its effectiveness in reaching all student bodies.

**RESOLVED FURTHER**, that if any provision of this resolution is declared invalid or unenforceable by a competent authority, the remaining provisions shall remain in full force and effect.

**RESOLVED FURTHER**, that copies of this resolution be forwarded to the SAMAHAN Central Board, the Office of Student Affairs, and the respective Student Executive Councils to ensure full implementation and transparency.

**RESOLVED FINALLY**, that this resolution shall take effect immediately upon its dissemination through both traditional and non-traditional media platforms of SAMAHAN and the Student Executive Councils.

Approved by the 4th Student Assembly on the 16th day of October, in the year of



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