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RESOLUTION NO. 6

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A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING GUIDELINES FOR “YES OR NO” VOTING IN SINGLE-PARTY STUDENT BODY ORGANIZATION (SBO) ELECTIONS

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WHEREAS, the Omnibus Elections Code of 2009 mandates the conduct of credible, free, honest, orderly, and peaceful elections;

WHEREAS, instances arise where only one (1) political party or set of candidates files Certificates of Candidacy, resulting in an uncontested election;

WHEREAS, democratic participation must still be upheld by allowing the electorate to either affirm or reject candidates through a “YES or NO” voting system;

WHEREAS, there is a need to clearly define the basis for winning and the consequences of rejection by the electorate;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved as follows:

Section 1. *Applicability*. This Resolution shall apply to all SBO elections where only one (1) political party or a single set of candidates is duly registered and qualified by the COMELEC.

Section 2. *Definition of “YES or NO” Voting*.

- (a) A “YES” vote signifies approval and support of the candidate.
- (b) A “NO” vote signifies disapproval or rejection of the candidate.

Section 3. *Manner of Voting*.

- (a) The official ballot shall reflect each position with the corresponding candidate and shall contain two (2) options: YES or NO.
- (b) The voter shall indicate only one (1) choice per candidate.
- (c) Failure to select either option shall render the vote for that position abstain.

Section 4. Determination of Winning Threshold

(a) A candidate shall be declared duly elected only if he/she obtains:

At least fifty percent plus one (50% + 1) of the total votes cast as “YES”

(b) For purposes of this Section:

Only valid votes (YES and NO) shall be counted

Blank, abstained, or invalid votes shall not be included in determining the majority

(c) The candidate must satisfy the condition:

Total YES votes must be greater than total NO votes

Section 5. *Rejection by the Electorate.*

(a) A candidate shall be considered rejected if: The total number of “NO” votes is equal to or greater than the total number of “YES” votes

(b) In such case, the candidate shall not be proclaimed as winner.

Section 6. *Effect of Majority “NO” Vote.*

(a) In the event that a candidate is rejected by the electorate, the election for the concerned position shall be declared a: FAILURE OF ELECTION

(b) Upon declaration of failure of election, the COMELEC shall:

- Schedule a special election within a reasonable period in accordance with the Omnibus Elections Code of 2009;
- Reopen the filing of Certificates of Candidacy (COC);
- Allow qualified candidates to run, subject to existing UCCP and SBO election laws; or
- Allow the Student Body Organization to decide whether to do a reelection or appointment from the newly elected Officers.

Section 7. *Transparency and Posting of Results.* The COMELEC shall ensure that election results clearly indicate the number of:

- YES votes
- NO votes
- Invalid or blank votes

Results shall be posted in accordance with Article IX of the Omnibus Elections Code of 2009.

Section 8. *Voter Education.* The COMELEC shall conduct proper information dissemination to ensure that voters understand the implications of casting a YES or NO vote.

Section 9. *Supplementary Application.* All provisions of the Omnibus Elections Code of 2009 shall apply suppletorily to this Resolution.

Section 10. *Effectivity.* This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon approval.

UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED this 1st day of May, 2026.

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