

**FAR EASTERN UNIVERSITY
OMNIBUS ELECTION CODE OF 2022**

ARTICLE 1. Declaration of Policy. It is hereby declared the policy of the Student Development (SDEV) to promote the welfare of the student body by giving those who actively participate in student elections the opportunity to:

- 1.1. Learn the art and science of government;
- 1.2. Develop student leaders who exhibit the FEU core values of Fortitude, Excellence, and Uprightness; and
- 1.3. Learn and appreciate the love of God, country, and university.

ARTICLE 2. Elections Governed by this Code. The election of the following officers shall be conducted in accordance with the provisions of this Code.

- 2.1. For the Far Eastern University Central Student Organization (FEUCSO):

President
Vice President
Secretary
Treasurer
Auditor
Press Relations Officer

- 2.2. For the Institute Councils:

President
Vice President
Secretary
Treasurer
Auditor
Press Relations Officer

- 2.3. For the Academic Organizations:

President
Vice President
Secretary
Treasurer
Auditor
Press Relations Officer

ARTICLE 3. Powers of the SDEV Director. The Student Development (SDEV) Director shall exercise overall powers over the election in the university. He or she may, at his discretion, delegate such other powers not provided in this Code to the Commission on Elections (COMELEC).

ARTICLE 4. Appeal to the SDEV Director. All decisions of the Commission on Elections shall be appealable, in writing, to the SDEV Director within a period of three (3) working days upon receipt of the decision of the COMELEC unless a different period is declared otherwise by the COMELEC. The decision of SDEV shall be final and executory.

THE UNIVERSITY COMMISSION ON ELECTIONS

ARTICLE 5. Supervision of Elections. The SDEV Director shall appoint members of the Commission on Elections (COMELEC) to supervise the orderly and honest conduct of the election, proclaim winners, and decide on election protests and other election-related matters.

ARTICLE 6. Members, Qualifications and Tenure of Office of the University COMELEC. The University COMELEC shall be composed of three (3) faculty members/employees, and five (5) student representatives.



6.1 The SDEV Director shall nominate to the SVPAA three (3) faculty members/employees who will serve in the University COMELEC and shall hold office for a term of one (1) year, without prejudice to the possible renewal of appointment for the next student elections. In no case shall the maximum term for the University COMELEC exceeds three consecutive years.

6.1.1. The following are the qualifications of Faculty/Employees who may be appointed as members of the University COMELEC.

6.1.1.1. Regular full-time or lecturer full-time status;

6.1.1.2. Served as adviser of any accredited student or member/head of any university or institute committees;

6.1.1.3. No pending disciplinary case;

6.1.1.4. Non- Partisan; and

6.1.1.5. Must not be in any way related with each other (i.e. relatives, family, "kumare", "kumpare", bestfriends, etc).

6.1.2. The SDEV director shall appoint the Chairperson from among the faculty/employee members of COMELEC. The Chairperson shall serve as the presiding officer of the University COMELEC.

6.2. The five student representatives of the University COMELEC shall have the following qualifications:

6.2.1. Three (3) non-partisan student representatives shall be selected by the SDEV Director from among students with leadership experience or active participation in non-academic or non-institute student organizations at the time of appointment or plain membership in good standing in any academic/ Institute organization. Students who currently or previously served as officers or members of any accredited political parties shall not be appointed as non-partisan student representatives to the University COMELEC.

6.2.2. Two (2) student representatives shall be appointed by the SDEV director from among the ranks of the accredited political parties in the University. Each student will be chosen from the list of nominees submitted by the dominant political parties.

6.2.3. All student representatives shall also hold office for a term of one (1) year, without prejudice to possible renewal of appointment for the next student elections. They all should also have the following qualifications:

6.2.3.1. No pending disciplinary case as evidenced by the Certification of Good Moral character issued by the Student Discipline;


6.2.3.2. Submit a commitment letter that he/she shall uphold and observe utmost prudence, honesty, and non-partisanship in the upcoming student election; and

6.2.3.3. Should not have a failing grade or authorized withdrawal in courses enrolled in the semester immediately preceding the election in FEU.

6.2.4. The student representatives shall elect only from the three non-partisan student representatives a co-chair of the University COMELEC. The co-chair shall preside the meetings of the COMELEC in the absence of the chairperson, and shall serve as the official spokesperson of the University COMELEC.

6.3 Twenty (20) students from the Junior Philippine Institute of Accountants (JPIA) and/or non-partisan University-wide student organizations will likewise be appointed to compose the University COMELEC Initial Screening Committee.

6.3.1. The members of the University COMELEC screening committee shall be nominated by the JPIA and/or the non-partisan University-wide student organizations from among their members. For this purpose, the JPIA and/or the non-partisan University-wide student organizations should nominate at least thirty representatives for the University COMELEC Initial Screening Committee. The



SDEV Director and University COMELEC will choose the twenty (20) student representatives from the list.

6.4. The student representatives, both in the University COMELEC and the University COMELEC Initial Screening Committee, shall not be allowed to run, be nominated, be appointed, or hold any other political and academic organization position within the University, except in JPIA and the non-partisan University-wide student organizations, while they sit as student representatives. For this purpose, positions held outside the University are not covered by this prohibition. Violation of this prohibition results in automatic forfeiture of student's position in the organization and disqualification from any leadership award in the University.

6.5. Members of the University COMELEC are the epitome of integrity, honesty, and uprightness and as such, should exhibit utmost professionalism in the performance of their functions and should not engage in partisan political activity.

ARTICLE 7. Power to Decide Complaint/Protest. All protests and/or complaints concerning the election of the members of FEUCSO, the respective student councils, and academic organizations shall be in writing, addressed to the University COMELEC Chair, and enclosed in a sealed envelope to be filed with the SDEV Director. The SDEV Director shall forward the envelope intact to the University COMELEC Chair. The same shall be decided by the University COMELEC as a body.

7.1. The University COMELEC shall observe due process at all times. The University COMELEC may decide on the complaint outright based on the documents submitted by the parties without necessarily holding a hearing for the parties involved unless otherwise required by the University COMELEC.

7.2. Should the University COMELEC decide to conduct a hearing, the parties shall be heard, and the matter will be decided by the University COMELEC within three (3) days from the time the answer to the corresponding complaint is filed unless due to special circumstances, this period is extended by the University COMELEC.

7.3. All cases decided by the University COMELEC shall be appealable to the SDEV Director within a period of three (3) working days upon receipt thereof. The SDEV Director may constitute an Ad Hoc Committee to conduct the investigation, review, and evaluate the decision of the COMELEC. The decision of the SDEV Director shall be final and executory. This procedure shall likewise apply in the disqualification of candidates and in the election protest.

ARTICLE 8. Other Powers of the University COMELEC. For purposes of exercising the other powers of the Commission, the following terms shall apply:

8.1. The **COMELEC EN BANC** is constituted by all the members of the University COMELEC.

8.2. The University COMELEC shall be responsible for the supervision of faculty members, employees, organization, and students who are designated by the SDEV Director to perform the duties relative to the proper conduct of the election.

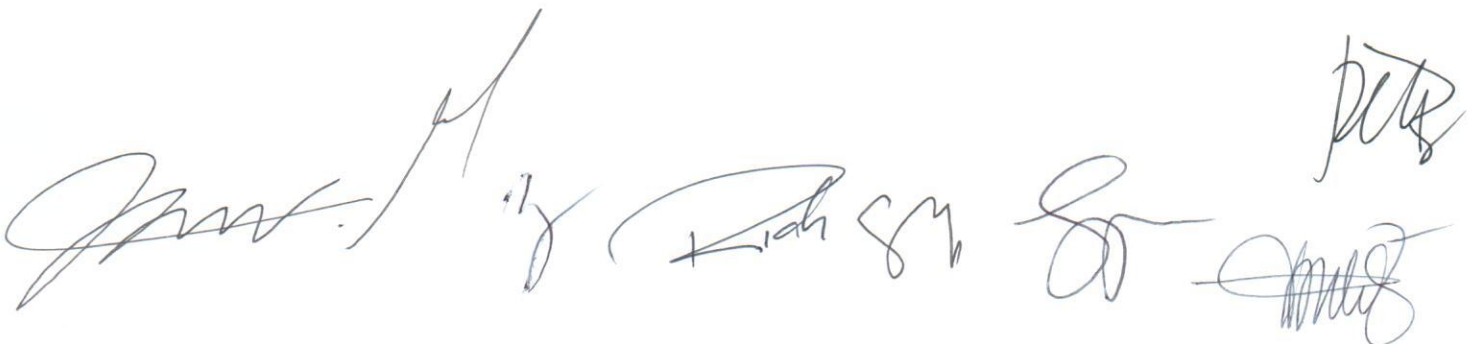
8.3. The University COMELEC shall coordinate with the *Information Technology Services (ITS)* for the preparation of the electronic voting forms, candidates' application forms, and other forms as may be needed in the student election.

8.4. The University COMELEC en banc shall deliberate on the certificates of candidacy only after initial verification of the submitted documents by the University COMELEC Initial Screening Committee.

8.5. Should the rules of this Code be silent on an election-related issue elevated to the University COMELEC, the COMELEC en banc is empowered to decide through a majority vote after determination of presence of quorum. All members of the University COMELEC shall have one vote, including the Chair and Co-Chair.

8.6. The University COMELEC shall also appoint such other faculty members, employees, organizations, and/or students during the casting of ballots as may be needed to help the Commission in the performance of its duties, subject to the approval of the SDEV Director.

8.7. The University COMELEC may exercise such other powers as may be necessary and convenient for the conduct of the election.

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ARTICLE 9. Accreditation of Student Political Parties for Participation in University. SDEV supports the democratic principle of a multi-party system and is open to any political party in the FEU student elections. The SDEV Director shall authorize the University COMELEC to accredit student political parties for the purposes of their participation in the election of officers listed in Article 2 of this Code.

9.1 Accreditation of political parties is not a matter of right but only a privilege that can be suspended, withdrawn, and/or revoked by the University COMELEC upon the party's failure to comply with the terms of its accreditation and the provisions of this Code.

9.2. Application for accreditation of political parties shall be filed to the SDEV within the period designated by the University COMELEC. The application shall include the following requirements:

9.2.1. Constitution and By-Laws

9.2.2. Letter of Conformance/FEU Code of Ethics/MOA

9.2.3. List of Officers of the Political Party

9.3. Any political party that conducts premature campaigning shall not be given accreditation. Any accreditation issued prior to the discovery of such premature campaigning shall be withdrawn or revoked.

9.4. Suspension and/or revocation of the accreditation resulting from the violations during the election period will not affect the results of the election, without prejudice to the other corresponding penalties imposed for the violations committed by the accredited political party.

9.5. After the election, an accredited party shall cease its accreditation and shall not engage in any form of campaign, advocacy, or cause, unless otherwise explicitly allowed by the SDEV Director, and subject to rules and regulations that may be imposed by the University through the SDEV Director. Provided further, that student political parties are not allowed to engage in an election campaign or partisan political activity except during the campaign period.

ARTICLE 10. Independent Candidates. It is not a requisite for a candidate to run for office that he or she be a member of a political party. Independent candidates are encouraged to run for office, but they shall be only allowed to campaign individually and will not be allowed to form partnerships, coalitions, and slates with other independent candidates.

QUALIFICATIONS AND DISQUALIFICATIONS OF CANDIDATES

ARTICLE 11. Qualifications of Candidates. All candidates of the Far Eastern University Central Student Organization (FEUCSO), Institute Student Organizations, and the respective Academic Organizations of all the Institutes must possess the following qualifications:

11.1. A bonafide undergraduate student of the university, duly enrolled during the Second Semester of the current academic year;

11.2. Remaining units in his or her enrolled program should enable him or her to enroll and stay for at least two (2) semesters for the entire Academic Year succeeding the election;

11.3. Of good moral character as attested by the Student Discipline. No temporary clearance shall be issued for this purpose; and

11.4. No failing grade or authorized withdrawal in courses enrolled in the semester immediately preceding the election in FEU.

11.5. **Specific Qualifications:** To ensure that the candidates' competencies are aligned with the functions of the positions that they would like to be elected to specific positions require certain qualifications as follows:

11.5.1. **Residency:** The President must have at least one academic year of residence in the university immediately prior to the election. The Treasurer must not be a graduating student during his/her term.



11.5.2. **Leadership Experience:** The candidates for FEUCSO, SC, and Academic Organization President shall base his/her leadership experience only in 11.5.2.1 and 11.5.2.2. While the candidates for the Treasurer shall base his/her leadership experience on ANY of the following:

11.5.2.1. Incumbent officer who has spent a period of at least four (4) months in office prior the filing of Certificate of Candidacy for any position in FEUCSO, Institute SC or academic organizations; or

11.5.2.2. Previously elected officer occupying any other elected position from FEUCSO, any SC, and academic organizations, and previously elected or appointed officer of university-wide organizations; or

11.5.2.3. Elected high school leader as certified by high school administrators or featured in official campus publications; or

11.5.2.4. Active officer in academic-related and socio-civic organizations or elected/appointed local government positions outside FEU, as certified by the secretary or the highest official of the organization.

11.5.3. **Grade Requirement:** No grade requirement is required for any candidate provided there is no failing grade or authorized withdrawal in the semester prior to the filing of his/her Certificate of Candidacy.

11.5.4. **Additional Requirements:** All candidates for FEUCSO/ SC and incumbent officers should have attended at least two (2) seminars or events organized by SDEV.

11.5.5. Also, all candidates must submit their parent and/or declared guardian's consent on their participation in the elections, and all candidates must sign a waiver of the Data Privacy Law for purposes of ascertaining their qualifications in the position where they intend to run.

ARTICLE 12. Disqualification of Candidates. The following shall constitute the grounds for the disqualification of candidates:

12.1. Failure to meet the requirements in the immediately preceding Article;

12.2. Submission of falsified documents as to their candidacy;

12.3. Violation of the university policies;

12.4 Violation of this Code;

12.5. Deliberate submission of erroneous or false documents as to their candidacy;

12.6. Commission of the election offenses as mentioned in this Code;

12.7. Submission of more than one (1) application for separate positions unless the first application has earlier been earlier withdrawn;

12.8. Analogous Cases

12.9. Resignation from elected/appointed post during the current academic year.

ARTICLE 13. Requirements for Filing. Certificates of Candidacy (COC) of the FEUCSO, Institute, and academic organizations shall be filed in duplicate with the University COMELEC, through the SDEV, within the period specified in the election calendar.

13.1. Certificates of Candidacy (COC) shall be signed personally by the candidates. The said certificate must be filed together with the following documents:

13.1.1 Original copy of Report of Ratings and signed COR

13.1.2 Certificate of Good Moral Character;

13.1.3 Certificate of attendance to SDEV organized seminar or activity;

13.1.4 Certificate of leadership experience from relevant organizations, signed by

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the president and the adviser, if applicable;

13.1.5 Certificate or proof of community involvement, signed by the president and the adviser of the organization;

13.1.6 Data Privacy waiver; and

13.1.7. Parent and/or declared guardian's consent with photocopy of two (2) valid ID cards each showing the signature, and with three (3) specimen signatures on the photocopy.

13.2. An incumbent officer of the FEUCSO, SC, academic organizations, and university-wide organizations who will run for office shall file a leave of absence (LOA) with the Student Development the next day following the announcement of qualified candidates. Failure to file the said LOA shall constitute a ground for disqualification.

ARTICLE 14. Substitution of Candidates. After the deadline of the filing of the certificate of candidacy, no substitution of candidates is allowed.

14.1. Changing political party affiliation is likewise not allowed after the proclamation of official candidates

ARTICLE 15. Announcement of Candidates. Announcement of qualified candidates will be done within five (5) to seven (7) working days after the deadline for filing of Certificate of Candidacy unless the COMELEC extends the same for meritorious reasons.

ARTICLE 16. Petition for Disqualification of Candidates. Petition for disqualification of candidates should be in writing and supported by documents. It shall be made within two (2) working days after the announcement of the list of pre-screened candidates and personally submitted to the SDEV Director which shall then forward the same to the University COMELEC for its disposition.

QUALIFICATION OF VOTERS

ARTICLE 17. Who are Qualified to Vote. All undergraduate students of the Far Eastern University-Manila and Makati who are duly enrolled during the semester of the election are qualified to vote.

17.1. Students of the respective Institutes who are duly enrolled during the semester of the election are qualified to vote in their Institute organization election. On the other hand, only students taking up the course and are duly enrolled during the semester of the election in their respective disciplines can vote in the academic organization election (e.g. enrolled IABF students can only vote for one academic organization).

17.2. Proxy voting is not allowed. Such an act constitutes dishonesty and is a major offense under the FEU Student Code of Conduct.

CAMPAIGN, VOTING, CANVASSING, AND PROCLAMATION OF WINNERS

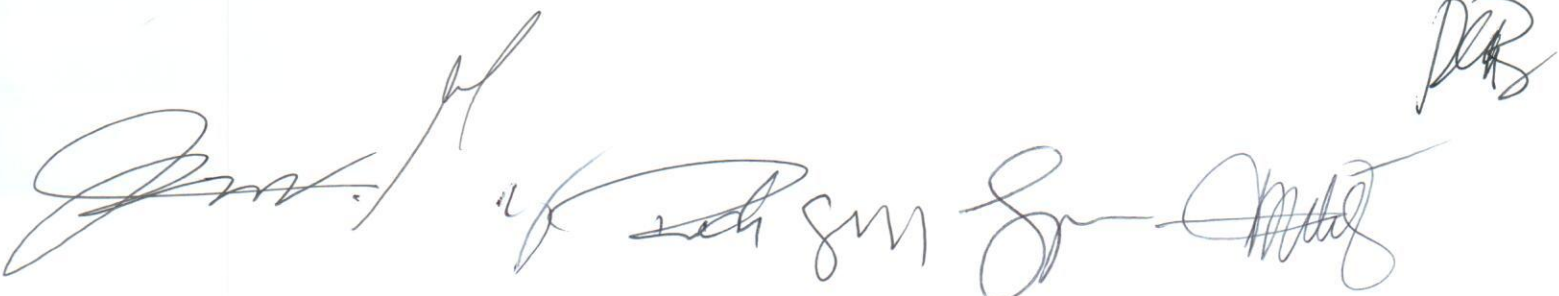
ARTICLE 18. Election Period. The election period shall commence from the accreditation of the political party/ies and shall end at the time of the proclamation of the winning candidates.

ARTICLE 19. Election Campaign and Rally. FEUCSO, Institute councils, and academic organizations' candidates shall be allowed a minimum of four (4) days and a maximum of six (6) days of room-to-room campaign at such days and hours as may be designated by the Director of SDEV.

19.1. The University COMELEC shall devise the mechanics of the campaign in accordance with the provisions of this Code.

19.2. Incumbent officers of FEUCSO, institute SCs, academic organizations, and university-wide organizations who are not running for office are prohibited from campaigning in favor of a political party or any candidate. Should they wish to campaign for a political party or candidate, they should first resign from their position. If they fail to do so, they are deemed to resign nevertheless, without prejudice to a finding of a violation of the Code and corresponding sanction on the concerned officer/s and the accredited political party or candidate in whose favor the campaign was made.

19.3. Advisers of student organizations and faculty members are not allowed to engage in



electioneering activities. Should a violation be found committed by the said faculty after the investigation conducted for the purpose by the SDEV, the violation shall be communicated to the respective Dean of the Institute where the faculty member belongs for proper action.

ARTICLE 20. Election Campaign Materials and Procedures. The following shall guide all candidates and supporters including current students and alumni during the campaign period of the FEU elections.

20.1. Campaign Focus. All speeches and posters shall focus on the party's platform, especially the candidates' or political party's action plan for specific projects or issues they would like to address. "How to do it" should be highlighted in the posters, and social media pages or accounts.

20.2. Campaign Materials/Strategies. campaign materials are only limited to the following:

20.2.1. Posters

20.2.1.1. All posters should have a maximum size of 13 x 17 inches.

20.2.1.2. Each poster should be approved and signed for posting by SDEV Director or in his absence, any of the University COMELEC officers. The SDEV Director shall set the deadline for submission of the posters, after which the approved posters will then be posted. SDEV and/ or University COMELEC will take charge of posting the approved posters on different bulletin boards for students.

20.2.1.3. Each poster should detail the platforms of the party.

20.2.1.4. Posters of both parties should only be mounted on the bulletin boards of student councils and organizations.

20.2.2. Social Media

20.2.2.1. All forms of social media are allowed. However, each political party and independent candidate shall have only one account or page per social media site as the central online campaign platform. Political parties' social media account should contain all the candidates in all leadership positions (FEUCSO, Institute SCs, academic organizations).

20.2.2.2. The platforms of the political party and candidates especially the general plan of action should be included.

20.2.2.3. Sharing of online campaign materials and posting of comments on other social media are allowed.

20.2.2.4. Posts, speeches, or messages should focus on the party's and candidate's platform. Mudslinging from candidates and supporters is strictly prohibited. Any type of mudslinging-direct or implied, spoken, written, communicated, or in jingle form-will be a ground for disqualification, the link or the actual video should be embedded in the pages.

20.2.2.5. Paid advertisements on social media pages are not allowed.

20.2.3. Candidates' ID & Lanyard- The maximum size of each candidate's ID is 5.5 x 11 inches. Only the candidate is authorized to have an ID. The ID can be worn by the candidate while walking on campus or during room-to-room campaigns. The ID together with the customized/ political party lanyard shall be worn together with the FEU ID and lanyard while inside the campus.

20.2.3.1. The candidate's supporters and teammates are not allowed to wear or hold the ID of the candidate. For this purpose, the political party or the independent candidate shall submit to the SDEV Director, before the start of the room-to-room campaign, the names of officers/ persons authorized to hold the ID of the candidate/ s for safekeeping.

20.2.4. Speeches in Room-to-Room Campaigns.

20.2.4.1. The following time limits shall be strictly observed during the



room-to-room campaigns:

20.2.4.1.1. FEUCSO - maximum of 20 minutes for all candidates per party

20.2.4.1.2. Institute SC - maximum of 15 minutes for all candidates

20.2.4.1.3. Academic Organization - maximum of 15 minutes for all candidates per party

20.2.4.2. The speeches should only tackle:

20.2.4.2.1. The candidate's qualifications

20.2.4.2.2. Concrete action plan to solve a particular issue or to support a project

20.2.4.3. Separate guidelines on campaigning may be released by COMELEC before the start of the campaign period.

20.2.4.4. Before any campaign is done in class, the campaign manager should request permission from the faculty at least two (days) before the scheduled room-to-room campaign. The campaign manager shall also provide the Feedback Form for the Room-to-Room campaign issued by the COMELEC to the faculty who will evaluate the speeches based on such form.

20.2.4.5. After the maximum time, the class mayor and the faculty are requested to ask the candidates to take their bow and exit quietly. Should there be any further questions, students and/or faculty may ask their questions during the program townhalls, institute and grand debates.

20.2.4.6. Jingles, in any form, are prohibited during room-to-room campaigns.

20.2.4.7. After the grand election debate, no room-to-room campaign is allowed. However, the use of social media and other forms of campaigning are still allowed even on the day of the election.

20.2.4.8. No alumni and or person/s who are not qualified voters shall be allowed to enter the classroom during room-to-room campaigns. Violation of this provision will pose the corresponding sanctions on the accredited political party to which the alumni or non-qualified voter is affiliated.

20.2.5. Grand Election Debate

20.2.5.1 COMELEC will provide the mechanics.

20.2.5.2. Banners will only be allowed by the University COMELEC on the day of the Grand Election Debate. The respective political parties will be allowed also to recite their respective chants. Other campaign sorties will be allowed provided the approval of the University COMELEC is sought prior to the Grand Debate.

20.2.5.3. Debate in the Institute level and in academic organization will also be allowed, subject to the guidelines that will be issued by the University COMELEC in partnership with Institute or Department of the degree programs.

20.2.6. Campaign Materials/Strategies

20.2.6.1. No banners (inside or outside FEU) are allowed.

20.2.6.2. No lanyards and other election paraphernalia (e.g. jackets, shirt, etc.) or any material associated to any political party shall be distributed to voters. Only the candidates and 500 registered supporters per accredited political party and independent candidates are authorized to wear lanyards provided by the party gratis. The list of supporters shall be submitted to SDEV before the announcement of official candidates.



20.2.6.3. No event (program, project, or concert) shall be used for campaigning directly or implicitly during the campaign period such as:

20.2.6.3.1. The color of the stage backdrop, design, shirts of working committee members of election-related activities and/or events during the campaign period should not be the same as the political party's official color.

20.2.6.3.2. No mentioning of the political party's name is allowed by any performer or host.

20.2.6.3.4. Maligning in whatever form or style, whether direct or implicit, whether in words, symbols, or pictures, is not allowed. Maligning refers to the act of willfully injuring the good name or reputation of another candidate and/or party which tends to bring the other candidate and/or party in disrepute.

20.2.6.3.5. No selling of any campaign paraphernalia is allowed.

20.2.6.3.6. SDEV will assign the designated places where posters can be placed. No posters are allowed to be placed in any classroom.

20.2.6.3.7. The proposed budget for expenditures for the election must not exceed PHP150,000.00 for each accredited political party and independent candidates and should be submitted to SDEV before the Announcement of Candidates and approved by the same.

20.2.6.3.8. The actual expenditures of the election of political parties and independent candidates, cash inflows (including donations), and outflows should be submitted to SDEV in the form of a Cash Flow Statement within 30 days after the proclamation of winning candidates.

20.2.6.3.9. Any violation of the requirements of any of the provisions shall also constitute a ground for disqualification of the winning candidates and/or the political party concerned.

ARTICLE 21. Schedule and Venue for Voting. The schedule of the FEUCSO, Institute Council, and academic organization student elections shall be determined by the SDEV upon consultation with the ITS and announcement by the University COMELEC.

21.1. The manner and/or places of voting shall also be determined by SDEV in consultation with the University COMELEC. The synchronization of the election shall be under the sole prerogative of SDEV. Voting precincts shall be assigned by the SDEV.

ARTICLE 22. Procedure of Voting. Each voter is required to present his FEU ID before entering the election precinct. A strict No ID, No Vote Policy shall be strictly observed. Students will be required to enter their name and student name in the election logbook.

22.1. Each voter is required to wear their prescribed school attire, except those who have their OJT (OJT schedule signed by their company or program head is required) or those given temporary uniform exemption by Student Discipline.

22.2. The voters shall proceed to their designated voting precincts, key in their student number and password, and then vote.

22.3. Students or candidates are not allowed to take pictures of their vote. Proxy or absentee voting is not allowed. Violation of this provision constitutes dishonesty under the FEU Student Code of Conduct.

ARTICLE 23. Canvassing of Votes. canvassing of votes is done electronically with the assistance of the Information Technology Systems (ITS).

Article 23.1. Partial and Official results shall be projected to the university LED screens by the Chair of the University COMELEC in the presence of the members of the University COMELEC, one (1) ITS Staff and during election days at schedules determined solely by the COMELEC.



ARTICLE 24. Official Watchers of Candidates. During the synchronized elections, every bonafide student political party shall be entitled to have two (2) watchers in the designated area as approved by the University COMELEC.

ARTICLE 25. Posting of Election Results. Election results shall be released immediately followed by the proclamation of winners by the COMELEC.

ARTICLE 26. Proclamation and Tenure of Office. The elected officers shall be proclaimed by the University COMELEC and shall assume office during the incoming academic year.

26.1. Any elected/appointed officer who incurs a failing grade in any subject and/or found to have a major offense under the Student Code of Conduct during his/her term of office shall automatically forfeit his/her office.

26.2. Any elected officer or committee chair of the concerned organization (FEUCSO, Institute Student Councils and/or academic organizations) can file a complaint before the SDEV against any elected or appointed officer of the said organization who neglects his/her duties. For this purpose, SDEV will issue the rules and regulations relative to the neglect of duties and will conduct the investigation. The findings of the SDEV will be final and executory.

26.3. Should the said officer resign during the said investigation conducted by the SDEV, then, the investigation will be terminated, and the resignation of the said officer will be construed as a verdict of neglect of duties.

26.4. Findings of the neglect of duties by the SDEV will have the following effects, namely:

26.4.1. disqualify the said officer in any leadership award inside Far Eastern University;

26.4.2. disqualify the said officer in running in the next student elections; and

26.4.3. no certification for the position will be issued either by the organization concerned or by SDEV.

26.5. Except for the vacancy in the position of President (which will be filled by the Vice President), any vacant position resulting from either failing grade, resignation, neglect of duties and/or violation of the FEU Student Code of Conduct shall be filled by the appointment of the duly authorized bodies in the following manner: SDEV for FEUCSO, Institute Dean for Institute SC; and Department Chair for Academic Organizations. Provided, the vacant position will open for application to all students who will qualify based on the provisions of Article 11 of this Code, and the appointment shall be recommended by a panel who will screen the applicants to be constituted by the SDEV Director, Institute Deans, and Department Chairs for FEUCSO, Institute Councils, and academic organizations, respectively.

ARTICLE 27. Election Protest. Election protest shall be filed within forty-eight (48) hours from the proclamation of winners by the Comelec. No election protest shall be given due course after the lapse of this period.

ARTICLE 28. Assumption of Office. Notwithstanding protest, any elected officer proclaimed by the University COMELEC shall assume office notwithstanding any pending protest against his election and without prejudice to the decision on said protest.

INTERVENTION IN ELECTIONS

ARTICLE 29. Who May Not Intervene. No faculty member, employee, student, alumnus, or security guard of the university or any outsider shall in any manner intervene in the election or partake therein except to preserve peace and order, if absolutely necessary as may be determined by SDEV.

ELECTION OFFENSES AND PENALTIES

ARTICLE 30. General Provisions. The University COMELEC, after the requisite due process, shall determine and recommend to the SDev the appropriate penalty, considering the following:

30.1. Nature and inherent gravity of the election-related offense;

30.2. Previous record of the student;



30.3. Character and position of the aggrieved person/party;

30.4. Established precedents; and

30.5. Pertinent applicable aggravating and mitigating circumstances.

30.6. All complaints should be properly substantiated. The University COMELEC will not dwell into the admissibility of alleged illegally or unlawfully obtained pieces of evidence offered by any party. The aggrieved party may file a separate complaint against the offering party before the proper forum for any violation of the Student Code of Conduct.

ARTICLE 31. Classification of Offenses. The COMELEC shall be guided by the following classification of election-related offenses:

31.1. MINOR OFFENSES

31.1.1. Spreading rumors as to election-related matters (rumor-mongering);

31.1.2. Wearing of lanyards and other election-related paraphernalia by non-candidates and non-registered supporters.

31.2. MAJOR OFFENSES

31.2.1. Unauthorized use of FEU Grandstand for election-related campaigns;

31.2.2. Unauthorized holding of any political sortie or campaign;

31.2.3. Vandalism;

31.2.4. Disrespect in any form to the officials of COMELEC and Student Development;

31.2.5. Submission of falsified documents to COMELEC;

31.2.6. Dishonesty in any form to COMELEC;

31.2.7. Inciting to fight;

31.2.8. Grave threat;

31.2.9. Plagiarism;

31.2.10. Cheating in the election;

31.2.11. Maligning, insulting the person, character, organization, institution using any form of communication and media (i.e. social network sites, yahoo groups, facebook, twitter, multiply, instagram, e-chats, etc.);

31.2.12. Room to room campaigning outside the authorized campaign period set by SDev;

31.2.13. Acts of misrepresentation;

31.2.14. Failure to submit the election campaign expenditures;

31.2.15. Exceeding the maximum budget for the election campaign;

31.2.16. Substituting for another voter;

31.2.17. Voting more than once in the election;

31.2.18. Availing oneself of any scheme to discover a vote cast (e.g. taking pictures of the voting screen, etc.);

31.2.19. Tampering with or unauthorized duplicating of the official ballot or results;

31.2.20. Interrupting an election or canvassing or in any way disturbing the same, or in any other way hindering, delaying, or causing the postponement of the proceedings;



- 31.2.21. Falsifying any statement used in connection with the certificate of candidacy;
- 31.2.22. Campaigning inside or on the same floor of the election precinct;
- 31.2.23. Failure to comply with election guidelines and resolutions;
- 31.2.24. Selling of election paraphernalia;
- 31.2.25. Breach of confidentiality of results prior to the official proclamation of winners;
- 31.2.26. Campaigning of incumbent officers in favor of a political party or any candidate;
- 31.2.27. Allowing alumni and persons who are not qualified voters to enter the classroom during room to room campaigns; and
- 31.2.28. Analogous cases.

31.3. All other acts not falling within the definition of classification of offenses under this article shall be referred to Student Discipline for proper disposition.

ARTICLE 32. Schedule of Penalties. These penalties are imposable to candidates, supporters, voters, incumbent officers, campaign managers, and political party.

32.1. MINOR OFFENSES

- 32.1.1. First Offense: Written warning
- 32.1.2. Second Offense: Written Warning and Counseling
- 32.1.3. Third Offense: Elevation as a major offense

32.2. MAJOR OFFENSES

32.2.1. First Offense:

- 32.2.1.1. Written Reprimand
- 32.2.1.2. 100 hours of Community Service
- 32.2.1.3. Referral to Guidance and counseling

32.2.2. Second Offense

- 32.2.2.1. Disqualification from participation in the election
- 32.2.2.2. Referral to the Student Discipline
- 32.2.2.3. 150 hours of Community Service
- 32.2.2.4. Suspension of the Political Party in the immediately succeeding election

32.2.3. Third Offense

- 32.2.3.1. Perpetual Disqualification to hold any office
- 32.2.3.2. Referral to the Student Discipline
- 32.2.3.3. 200 hours of Community Service
- 32.2.3.4. Perpetual Suspension of the Political Party

32.3. Should there be multiple violations or acts of recidivism, the University COMELEC is empowered to impose the penalties for the Second and Third Offenses.

32.4. Disqualification in any leadership award in FEU may be imposed as an additional

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SCHEDULE AND POSTPONEMENT OF ELECTION

ARTICLE 33. *Schedule of Election.* The election calendar shall be prepared by COMELEC, subject to the approval of the SDev Director in coordination/consultation with the Institute Deans.

ARTICLE 34. *Postponement of Election.* If for any serious cause as may be determined by the SDEV Director, the holding of election on the date previously scheduled becomes impossible, the COMELEC shall with the approval of the VPAS upon the recommendation of the SDEV Director, postpone the same to such time as may be convenient under the circumstances.

ARTICLE 35. *Premature Campaigning.* No campaigning for political party is allowed before the accreditation of political parties. Similarly, no campaigning for any qualified candidate is allowed prior to the announcement of qualified candidates. Violation of these provisions constitutes premature campaigning, which campaign acts include but are not limited to, giving or wearing of pin buttons, T-shirts, leaflets, etc. Such acts shall constitute a ground for disqualification of political and independent parties, as well as the concerned candidate.

ARTICLE 36. *Amendment Clause.* No amendment/s to this Election Code shall be effected unless upon the two-thirds (2/3) votes of all Members of the COMELEC. The amendment shall take effect upon approval of the Director of SDEV.

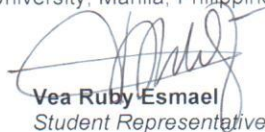
ARTICLE 37. *Repealing Clause.* The provisions of the previous Election Code are hereby repealed. All existing CBLs of all organizations which are inconsistent with this Code are hereby repealed likewise.

ARTICLE 38. *Effectivity Clause.* This Election Code shall take effect upon the majority vote of all members of the COMELEC and the approval of the Director of SDEV.

38.1. Upon the ratification by a majority vote of students during the 2022 student elections, this Election Code shall also be in effect in the next two (2) academic years.

Signed this 4th day of April 2022 in Far Eastern University, Manila, Philippines


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