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It was stated in the **Implementing Rules and Regulations of the Policy Board Resolution 2011-12, Manifest Errors during the Partial Proclamation** (page 3) that in case such appeal was made to the commission within 24 hours from the pre-proclamation,

“The appeal shall be heard and immediately decided by the Commission en banc.”

After the release of the results of the recent Forum elections, there has been an immediate appeal for a recount of votes from the class of 2POL2 where the petitioner, Aaron Gabriel H. Santos, running for 3rd year Policy Board came from. The said petition was supported by the majority of the class which was filed last February 18, 2011, contains,

“... it is said that the candidates Aaron Gabriel Santos and John Marvin Tayabas garnered zero (0) votes and thirty-four (34) abstain from 2POL2, while significant number of students from the said class claim that they have indeed voted in favour of the two aforementioned contains, and some, for at least one of them.”

By virtue vested upon us, the commission finds this petition as vague and the said statement above is insufficient and does not have enough factual support to call for a recount of the said section's ballots. Furthermore, the statement,

“...is unlikely to have not voted for myself even if my ballot is the lone null and void.”

The commission finds this statement redundant; a vote cannot be counted if it is considered null and void.

Due to the Commission en Banc's disapproval of the said petition for recounting, the commission's immediate action is to verify again the results through checking and comparing the number of votes from tally sheets to the encoded results. The body then found out that there was a **manifestation of error** during the encoding of results prior to proclamation.

Attached in this statement is the photocopied tally sheet of 2POL2's ballots containing the votes of **Aaron Gabriel Santos** and **John Marvin Tayabas** and the **adjusted Official Results of the Executive and Legislative Elections**.

The Commission, with all its strengths and capacities to perform its duties and obligations does not guarantee the execution of a perfect electoral exercise.



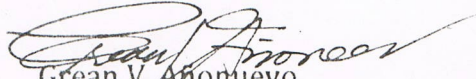
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Whereby, this commission then recognizes the manifestation of error during the encoding of results prior to proclamation and recognizes the votes garnered by the certain candidates.

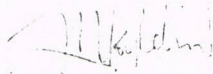
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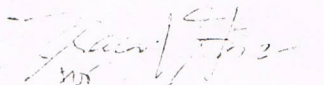
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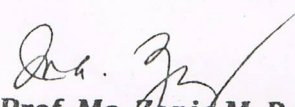

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This Commission certifies that there is **NO FAILURE OF ELECTIONS** and that the following candidates listed in the adjusted results below have garnered/accumulated at least twenty five percent (25%) of the votes coming from the voting population of the Political Science Student Body and indeed legitimate and qualified for the said Executive or Legislative positions in the Forum albeit the number of abstained votes.

President

VILLASIS, Jeshamar (50.13%)

Vice President

CO, Rafael (28.57%)

2nd Year Policy Board

ANGARA, Patrick Alexis Gonzales (37.98%)

BARONA, Lyka (38.76%)

3rd Yr. Policy Board

SANTOS, Aaron Gabriel (65.13%)

TAYABAS, John Marvin T. (81.65%)

4th Yr. Policy Board

RICAFRENTE, Jester Ivan (68.00%)

GONZALES, James Patrick (58.00%)

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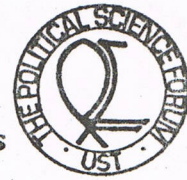
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Election Day has been characterized by a high level of civic participation and there are no systematic irregularities that would cast doubt on the honesty of the process. In view of such, the TPSF-Commission on Elections (COMELEC) has finally released the **OFFICIAL RESULTS OF THE 2011 EXECUTIVE & LEGISLATIVE ELECTIONS**. Moreover, in accordance to such results, the TPSF-COMELEC has encountered inevitable mishaps in the election turnouts—the results have revealed that the number of voters in favor of the candidates was indeed outnumbered by those who remained abstain.

This incidence was apparently anticipated however, there are no written rules or laws indicated in the Constitution nor indicated in the Implementing Rules and Regulations of the Policy Board Resolution 2011-12 regarding Elections that articulates and deals with the instance of having a great number of abstained voters over the accumulated votes of certain candidates.

In light of such prevalence, the **Office for Student's Affairs (OSA)** has advised the TPSF-COMELEC (even though an independent student body created under the TPSF Constitution) to adhere and be guided by the Implementing Rules and Regulations of the highest Commission on Elections student body—the **CENTRAL COMELEC** if such case befalls.

Article 1 Section 6 of The Student Election Code and Implementing Rules and Regulations of 2007 reads that:

"...If for any reason, less than twenty-five percent (25%) of the voting population cast their votes in any election, the COMELEC unit concerned shall declare a failure of elections..."

Perceptibly, the election results have reflected that **more than twenty-five percent (25%) of the voting population have successfully casted their votes** and apparently, the candidate who has the least number of votes and was thus outnumbered by the those who remained abstain **has obviously accumulated votes that required 25% of the voting population.**

Whereby, this Commission attests that **there is no failure of elections.** The candidates who accumulated the largest number of votes or at least accumulated 25% of the votes coming from the Political Science student body is ***indeed legitimate and qualified for the said Executive or Legislative positions in the Forum*** albeit the number of abstained votes.



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The proclamation of the election winners was delayed due to the issues and controversies stated in the aforementioned discussions above. *The Commission, with all its strengths and capacities to perform its duties and obligations does not guarantee the execution of a perfect electoral exercise.* This humble piece of statement is a mere response in view of addressing a democratic and successful election.

Truly,

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