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**TO :** The University Student Council UP Diliman  
UP Diliman College Councils  
UP Alyansa ng mga Mag-aaral para sa Panlipunang Katwiran (ALYANSA)  
UP Nagkakaisang Iskolar para sa Pamantasan at Sambayanan (KAISA)  
Student Alliance for the Advancement of Democratic Rights in UP (STAND-UP)  
The Office of Student Projects and Activities

**FROM :**   
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**SUBJECT :** Formation of the Ad Hoc Online Student Election Committee (AHOSEC)

**DATE :** 24 February 2021

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The year 2020 was a highly challenging one for all sectors. For the education sector, schools were forced to close up their campuses and implement a remote learning setup because of the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic. In UP Diliman, student representatives who were elected to office in the Academic Year 2019-2020 needed to function on holdover status for lack of existing guidelines on how to conduct online elections safely and ethically. This has delayed the University Student Council elections for a year; meanwhile, many of the elected student-officials have graduated or have had to resign for various reasons.

Because of the continuing uncertainties of the pandemic, preparations for the online conduct of the USC elections have become inevitable. Hence, the OVCSA is forming an Ad Hoc Online Student Election Committee (AHOSEC) in order to craft an Addendum of Supplementary Guidelines for the Conduct of Online Student Elections to the current UP Student Election Code. The AHOSEC will be composed of

1. one (1) representative from the current USC to function as Chair of the committee;
2. one (1) representative from each College Council, unless they opt to inhibit from the process in writing;
3. one (1) representative from each of the three major political parties in the university: UP ALYANSA, UP KAISA, and STAND-UP;
4. one (1) representative from the Office of the Vice-Chancellor for Student Affairs (OVCSA); and
5. two (2) faculty members from the previous University Student Electoral Board (USEB).

The Office of Student Projects and Activities (OSPA) will serve as secretariat of the committee.

The committee is tasked with (1) writing the Supplementary Guidelines for the Conduct of Online Student Elections; and (2) proposing a consolidated timeline of student elections on the local and university levels.

The offices and student organizations are requested to submit the names of their nominees for the committee on or before February 26, 2021. A first committee meeting via Zoom is also tentatively set for March 4, 2021, 5:30pm to initiate review of the proposed calendar and the crafting of the Addendum. Meeting details will follow.

Thank you.