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## Statement of the Ateneo School of Government On the Impeachment Proceedings Against Vice President Sara Duterte 07 June 2025

We stand for ethical leadership in public service.

We call on the Senate to fulfill its Constitutional duty and to proceed with the impeachment trial of Vice President Sara Duterte. Dispensing the case without the benefit of a trial is a dereliction of duty and a clear attempt to whitewash the accusations raised against a public official.

The impeachment process is a sacred duty enshrined in our Constitution. It is the primary mechanism to ensure that our elected officials would remain faithful to their sworn duty to serve the public with dedication, commitment, and, most importantly, integrity. We remind our Senators that they are public servants and their mandate is based on the people's trust. We pray that they would remain true to what the Senate institution stands for: upholding the Constitution, promoting democratic values, and serving the national interest.

Convene the impeachment court now.