

# UAW 2865

## Legislative and Other Endorsements Policy

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*Approved by the Executive Board on 04/23/2013*

**Purpose:** Establish clear guidelines for endorsing legislation as a statewide union.

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### I. Summary

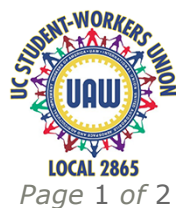
1. Pending a revision in policy by the Joint Council, the UC Student Worker's Union, UAW Local 2865, will endorse or oppose policy and persons on a statewide level in three ways:
  - a. By majority vote of the standing membership of the Joint Council online.
  - b. By vote of the Joint Council or Statewide Membership at a duly authorized meeting.
  - c. By recommendation of a JC authorized committee working directly on the issue in question.
2. Proposals for endorsements can be brought to any elected officer, to be passed on to the Joint Council or relevant committee.
3. Action or inaction by the statewide body does not preclude action by Campus Units.

### II. Purpose

Currently, we do not have a clear policy on how to engage in endorsements of legislation, candidates, etc. In order to operate as a member run union, the power to recommend or oppose policy should not rest in the hands of a select few. While the power to lobby can be a useful tool in engaging in solidarity with other organizations, or advancing our own interests, decisions to endorse should reflect the considered judgment of the Joint Council, and should not be made on an ad hoc basis by the Executive Board.

### III. Endorsement Process

The statewide Union will only pen endorsements of legislation, candidates, etc., which are the outcome of either an action by the Joint Council, or part of the project of a committee or



other subsidiary body empowered to pursue work on the issue pertaining to the endorsement. To that end, the Executive Board will defer requests for endorsement to the Joint Council list. Individual members of the Joint Council are then free to either

1. move for immediate action on the list through a majority vote of the standing membership of the Joint Council
2. bring the motion to a future meeting of the Joint Council
3. bring the motion to a Campus Unit for endorsement by that unit of the local.

Campus units are free to endorse or oppose legislation, etc., as they see fit, per their own principles of governance. Failure to endorse by the Joint Council or the Executive Board should not be seen as a limit on a campus unit's own autonomy in expressing its position.

