



**Board of Directors' Committee on Political Endorsements
Adopted by the UHPA Board of Directors on February 6, 2010**

Charge to the Committee

The Committee on Political Endorsements shall advise and recommend to the Board of Directors actions to be taken with respect to candidates for public office through the November 2010 general election.

Appointment and Term of the Committee

The Committee shall be comprised of a minimum of five members of the Board of Directors nominated by the President and submitted to the Board for approval. The President shall select one of the members of the Committee to serve as Chair. The appointment of the committee members shall take effect immediately upon approval by the Board. The Committee's term shall end on December 31, 2010.

Meetings and Reporting

The Committee shall meet at times and places set by the Chair. There shall be no minimum number of members necessary to hold a meeting. The Committee shall report its prior activities at each Board meeting. Any recommendations made to the Board shall include a report of whether they come by consensus, unanimous approval, or recorded vote.

Responsibilities and Tasks

The Committee will recommend a gubernatorial endorsement to the Board of Directors at its March 6, 2010 meeting. This endorsement shall be based on an interview with each respective gubernatorial candidate. The Committee shall establish criteria for evaluating the candidates before any interviews take place. The criteria shall include, but not be limited to:

- a) the candidate's response to issues addressing Faculty Members' wages, hours, and working conditions; and
- b) the candidate's plans for funding the UH system over the next four years.

The Committee will recommend endorsements of candidates from the state legislative districts up for election to the Board. The Committee will select those candidates, or potential candidates, to be interviewed. The interviews will occur in March, April, May, and June based on the Committee's evaluation of specific legislative district and potential primary challenges that are of interest to the organization. In assessing incumbents the UHPA 2010 legislative priorities shall be used to screen the candidates based on voting records that may result in selective interviews of those legislators of concern to the Committee. The Committee shall not be required to interview incumbent candidates in order to make a recommendation to the Board for an endorsement.

Candidates in vacant district seats or those candidates challenging incumbent legislators shall be selectively interviewed based on a determination by the Committee of their electability and the criteria used in evaluating gubernatorial candidates.

After the primary election results have been determined, the Committee shall review the results and make recommendations to the Board if there are other candidates they believe should be endorsed in the general election as a result of the primary election. Those recommendations, if any, shall be brought to the Board of approval.

The Committee shall review, evaluate, and recommend positions on statewide ballot measures pertaining to the general interests of faculty, UHPA, or public education.

The Committee will recommend spending priorities, including direct contributions to candidates, for expenditures that support the election of endorsed candidates and the passage of ballot measure.

Authority

The Committee shall have the authority to interview candidates, make recommendations for endorsements, evaluate ballot measures, recommend contributions for candidates, and recommend all other actions necessary to carry out the endorsement recommendations approved by the Board. The Committee may, if it chooses, survey the UHPA membership with respect to any or all of the tasks set forth in this charge.

Under no circumstance may the Committee on its authority grant the official endorsement of UHPA to any candidate for office or with respect to any ballot issue. Once the Board has taken such action, the Committee may act on behalf of the Board to implement the endorsements, including issuing public statements.