

# **Daniel Cooney**

## **Candidate for Academic Affairs Officer**

*Q: What is your position on graduate student unionization?*

An important role for the Academic Affairs officer is to understand and advocate on behalf of concerns related to the research, coursework, and teaching experience of the graduate student body. Because the question of unionization is intertwined with many issues falling under the scope of Academic Affairs, I think it may be useful to include inquiries related to unionization as a component of a larger effort to survey student sentiment on academic issues. If elected as Academic Affairs officer, I would prioritize efforts with departmental and program GSG representatives to better understand potential steps for improving the graduate experience.