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Q: What is your position on graduate student unionization?

A:

If a quorum of graduate students indicate their need for union representation, then I will support unionization. Happily, I have been represented by four labor unions, one of them for graduate students. My reservation is that a union at Princeton could make graduate life less flexible and more legalistic. At my previous school, graduate assistants were forced to clock twenty hours weekly (for half Princeton's stipend), and union fees were prohibitively high. Before undertaking a painful unionization process like those at Yale and UChicago, we should promote and empower our standing institutions: the Graduate Student Government and departmental committees.