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Q: What is your position on graduate student unionization?

A:

While I understand that GSG representatives can't take a position on unionization (due to conflicts of interest), I can speak generally as a non-affiliated current grad student. I enthusiastically support unions and their mission (to give workers the power to negotiate through collective bargaining). I believe universities should treat us as though we provide valuable labor—because we do. We should be protected with regard to teaching loads, housing, hostile work environments, etc. I think unionizing could improve this, but my goal as Academic Affairs Officer would involve working towards those same goals from within GSG, collaboratively with University Offices.