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Dear Boston College Graduate Workers:

The Graduate Pride Alliance, an affinity group of the Boston College Graduate Student Association serving LGBTQIA+ students and their allies, offers our full endorsement of the Boston College Graduate Employees Union - United Auto Workers (BCGEU-UAW).

We believe BCGEU-UAW will not only improve the working conditions of Boston College graduate student employees, but will also address a myriad of issues that impact BC graduate students more broadly. Securing the right to engage in collective bargaining will allow BCGEU-UAW to work with BC administration to create and implement policies and practices that will be more inclusive of queer graduate students and employees. For example, negotiating a contract that includes a formalized grievance policy will provide graduate student employees who experience marginalization, discrimination, and harassment a fair means of addressing and resolving these situations.

In the spirit of actualizing a more inclusive and equitable work environment for graduate students, Graduate Pride Alliance fully supports BCGEU-UAW and encourages graduate employees to vote YES for the union.

In solidarity,

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