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CGE CELEBRATES PLRB VICTORY

From the Coalition of Graduate Employees

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February 9, 2018 – *University Park, PA* – Today, the Pennsylvania Labor Relations Board (PLRB) ruled that Penn State graduate assistants have union rights under the Pennsylvania Employee Relations Act.

“We’re ecstatic that the PLRB has ordered an election” said Katie Warczak, the Media Officer for CGE. “We’re looking forward to exercising our right to vote, and we’re confident that it’s a vote we’ll win.”

The decision is a culmination of a week-long hearing in September 2017, where Penn State administrators argued that graduate assistants were not employees.

“Penn State’s administrators spent hundreds of thousands of dollars trying to deny us this vote,” said Jerome Clarke, CGE Co-President. “Ultimately, it didn’t matter. We are workers and today the PLRB affirmed that status.”

An election date has not been set, but will be forthcoming.

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The Coalition of Graduate Employees is an employee-led advocacy group and union campaign organizing Penn State’s 3,724 graduate assistants.