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PLRB DENIES FAIRNESS CENTER
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March 29, 2018 – *University Park, PA* – Calling it a win for all union employees, leaders of the Coalition of Graduate Employees at Penn State University announced today the Pennsylvania Labor Relations Board (PLRB) had denied an attempt to stop the union election scheduled for April.

The PLRB order denied a request by the Fairness Center, which attempted to halt the election at Penn State University.

The Fairness Center is affiliated with the Koch-funded State Policy Network and the far-right Commonwealth Foundation. The focus of these groups is attack workers and unions.

“We’re pleased that the democratic process won out in the end,” said Jerome Clarke, Co-President of CGE. “The attempt to halt an election that the majority of graduate assistants here want was nothing more than the Fairness Center exhibiting its union-busting mission, and we’re glad the PLRB saw that as well.”

The PLRB cited a lack of standing to intervene in their decision. The election will proceed as planned, with voting at University Park on April 10-13, 2018; Hershey on April 16, 2018; and Harrisburg on April 17, 2018.

“Given that this election has been over four years in the making, we’re looking forward to the election in two weeks,” stated Harrison Cole, Co-President of CGE. “We look forward to being able to focus on the issues that matter most to graduate assistants during this time and then voting ‘yes’ for, and winning, our union.”

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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.