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TO FOCUS ON ADVOCACY

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**May 1, 2018** – *University Park, PA* – Leaders of the Coalition of Graduate Employees at Penn State (CGE) said today that in the wake of last month’s union election, its members remain resolute in their commitment to addressing Penn State graduate assistants’ concerns and issues.

“While we are disappointed that our union hasn’t been certified, this election was only a first step and our work doesn’t stop here,” said Jerome Clarke, Co-President of the Coalition. “Our mission has always been to help graduate assistants and advocate for a better Penn State, and that hasn’t changed.”

The Coalition requests input and participation from all graduate assistants at Penn State. Over the summer, CGE will determine the future of the organization and decide on the next steps in terms of advocacy work.

“We want all graduate assistants’ voices to be heard,” stated Harrison Cole, Co-President of the Coalition. “We may not be negotiating a contract, but as long as graduate assistants face issues during their time at Penn State, CGE will continue to address those issues in order to make our campus more just and equal.”

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*The Coalition of Graduate Employees is a graduate assistant-led advocacy group at Penn State.*