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Dear Boston University Faculty,

As you likely know, BUGWU – the graduate workers union – has recently voted to authorize a strike. They have notified the University that the strike may begin on Monday, March 25. We do not yet know if the strike will occur, or which graduate student workers may strike if it does occur. You can find updates on bargaining at [our website](#).

As to the strike, as I've said before, we have a responsibility to continue the education of all of our students, and a disruption to students' lectures, seminars, discussions sections, and labs is not acceptable. As you know, my office has offered to help our schools and colleges put in place plans to mitigate any disruption that a strike could cause, and we depend on you to help us ensure the ongoing education of our students, especially our undergraduates.

I am confident our faculty are aware and capable of delivering on our obligation to provide the teaching experiences our students are expecting. I have seen how our faculty were able to sustain our teaching obligation by pivoting admirably during the pandemic with little advance notice. Your commitment to delivering our courses under trying circumstances is extraordinary.

Sincerely,

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Kenneth Lutchen
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