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Dear Boston University Staff,

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 on [our website](#). Additional information can be found in a [BU Today story](#) this afternoon.

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. Some of you may be involved in helping us with these efforts – I thank you for your flexibility and your commitment to our ongoing teaching and research mission.

I have seen how our staff were able to sustain our operations during the pandemic by pivoting admirably with little advance notice. Your commitment to delivering high quality work under trying circumstances is extraordinary.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "KL", written over a light blue horizontal line.

Kenneth Lutchen
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