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I am a second-year PhD student in HPSC. My interests are in scientific explanation and science in public policy. I have been a unionized educator my entire career. I served as a regional delegate for NEA-New Mexico as a high school teacher, and am a department organizer with IU's Graduate Worker Coalition now. This year, I served as the GPSG representative for HPSC, working on the awards committee. My platform as a vice-presidential candidate focuses on three points:

- **Protocol and Process** – ensuring our representatives see their time and contributions are valued and respected.
- **Protecting IU** – sustaining Indiana University as an educational institution of integrity, and as a safe environment for ALL students, teachers, workers, and professors.
- **Facilitating Relationships** – emphasizing collaboration with faculty and policy structures to promote common goals.

**Protocol and Process:** As a career-long educator and organizer, it is my experience that adherence to norms of communication is a crucial part of maintaining effective dialogue. In the case of GPSG, that means ensuring the structure and professional tone of meetings is maintained. This provides an environment that respects the time and contributions of our representatives and constituencies. Beyond the principle of the matter, I believe that if membership feels their contributions to GPSG are valued, they will also value their time spent with GPSG more. This paves an easier path to improving attendance and engagement.

**Protecting IU:** Amid nationwide attacks on academia, through the dismantling of funding structures and the speech of faculty members and students, it is critical that IU builds a community that protects itself. Students do not want to study at a university that does not respect them. Professors do not want to teach at a university that does not respect them. Staff do not want to work at a university that does not respect them. To foster an environment that encourages the best and brightest to come to this university and do their best work, IU needs to provide safety and stability to its students, professors, and workers. This must include adequate pay for cost-of-living in Bloomington and protect academic and political freedom.

**Facilitating Relationships:** Faculty and staff sympathize with many of the problems graduate students face. Every professor *was* a grad student. Most understand the value of this community, and the importance of protecting every part of it. Most of them love IU and want it to be the best it can be. In my view, this is the strength of IU. We have goals and needs in common with students and workers across campus. We should be taking every opportunity to engage with other political entities (BFC, IUSG, IGWC, etc.) to fulfill these goals and needs.

Indiana University has, for all its flaws, given me a home and livelihood which I love. I want to be a part of ensuring that it remains a place I can be proud of. The way to do that is by taking care of its people.