

# SGA Anonymous Complaint Form

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Student Government Association: Judicial Branch

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## General Information

I understand that if I am signed in to my Butler Engage account, my name **will be recorded** with my complaint, even if the name and email fields are left blank.

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The Appropriations chair, Sydney Haworth, has put the Senate in a deficit due to her blatant neglect on managing student funds granted to SGA. The excuse shared was that she was unaware that the money did not reset at the end of the semester, and that she did not quite understand the power Appropriations wields within the student Senate. As a first year Senator, granted she had a background as the previous Executive Secretary, she should not have been hired to be the head of the committee without any experience within the student Senate. With the lack of knowledge regarding her position, and even a lack of understanding how Senate functions, she should not have been eligible to run for a committee chair head. Sydney has encouraged the Senators to spend student money on large and expensive organizations as they had already been approved by her committee. In said committee meetings, as long as they passed the basic understanding and knowledge that she had of Senate grants (not asking for things against the basic bylaws), they would be passed into Senate for their approval. If Sydney had been more critical and selective of what organizations were allowed to present in the Senate and encouraged more discussions to be held within her committee meetings, this would most likely be a different issue. To fix said mistake of over-spending on organization's pizza parties and several thousand dollar events, Appropriations committee amended the bylaws to create a way to cover for themselves. Student organizations now have to and show evidence of fundraising to prevent SGA from funding food related events and put the onus on the organization. Granted, this amendment was needed as some grants were getting out of hand with the amount and cost of food being a large factor of a grant application, but it was very obvious that the installment of it in the middle of the year was to prevent Sydney from receiving backlash. With the grant process for Christian Health Care Providers, Sydney promised JT, the person presenting on their behalf, that she would get them the grant money so they could go on their mission trip. The original grant, the application for several thousand dollars of drugs, was sent into committee without any thought or discussion being present in her committee. When it hit the Senate

floor, she shared that they worked really hard on the grant and that it should be passed. Without any hesitancy from the Senate, because it passed through the grant expert, it was passed before being vetoed by Katie Stanley, thank goodness. Sydney then brought JT back into committee to find a loophole around the veto. The grant was vetoed as the funding was not going to students so Sydney tried to bypass the veto to get funding to the students attending the mission trip through their flight costs. This was again passed in committee, opened for discussion within Senate, and approved by Sydney. Katie, once again, vetoed the resolution due to it not serving enough students (8) for the large amount of funds that were being requested. This incident shows how neglectful Sydney is with student money, encouraging peers to give money to student organizations while not putting enough effort or thought into a grant application before it comes to the Senate floor.

Any information you wish to upload?

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## Discussion

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