

SGA Anonymous Complaint Form

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Student Government Association: Judicial Branch

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.

Yes

What information would you like to share?

The Speaker of the Senate AJ Boes has caused both financial and reputational damage to the Legislative Branch and Student Government Association through his thoughtlessness and neglect of duties. The Legislative Branch Rules & Procedures clearly lists “overseeing the legislative budget” and “supporting Senators” as a core responsibility of the Speakers position in Article II, Section 1. It is clear that the ultimate responsibility for ensuring the success of the legislature falls to the “recognized leader of the Legislative Branch.” Unfortunate, AJ Boes has been asleep at the wheel all year. His leadership has not prepared senators to take an active and informed stance on anything. Truly, I am not sure what AJ Boes does during all the hours we pay him, because it is certainly not advancing a strategic agenda. During the course of this year, the Speaker of the Senate has been far more focused on ensuring that everyone one is having a good time rather than “supporting senators” with education and training essential for the successful completion of their duties. The fall semester retreat was inadequate, the general knowledge received was minimal, and there was no education on the legislative budget. Far more time was spent on social activity planning. As of now, we do not have a spring semester retreat planned despite having new senators in place. AJ has spent his time and a significant amount of student money planning social activities like bowling. This has zero positive impact for the student body. As the leader of the legislative branch, AJ does not supervise or support his committee chairs. With a lack of formal education and supervision from the branch leader, how can we be held accountable for information that was not common knowledge? The Speaker of the Senate is charged in the General SGA Bylaws Article VI, Section 1 to “Appoint and manage all Student Senate officers’ and “Oversee and serve as an ex-officio member of all Senate committees”. The Senate agenda is supposed to be posted well in advance of upcoming meetings so that students can review our agenda and senators can research legislation and connect with their constituents if needed; this is not done.