

# Thompson Center calls off Oct. 26 AG debate

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The Tommy Thompson Center has cancelled a planned AG debate on Oct. 26 after organizers were unable to find an alternate date to host the event.

Ryan Owens, a political science professor and the center's head, said the center was looking for a different date to put on its debate between Republican Brad Schimel and Dem Josh Kaul because of the gubernatorial matchup scheduled for that same night, as well as the World Series games airing that week.

Organizers were concerned those competing broadcasts could mean the AG event would see low attendance and little media coverage, Owens said. But he said the center was unable to find a new date that worked for both Schimel and Kaul, and organizers opted to call off the event instead.

"We just can't squeeze it in with the limited time that's left," he said.

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Kaul and Schimel slammed each other over the debate's cancellation, with Kaul's campaign saying Schimel "withdrew" from the event, while the AG's campaign countered Kaul's blaming others for his "failing campaign."

See more in today's PM Update.