



## Spring 2016 Nominated Officer Questionnaire

### INSTRUCTIONS

Please attach your **current résumé** and **Spring 2016 schedule** (class, work, other extracurricular activities).

This questionnaire is due **no later than FRIDAY November 29<sup>th</sup> at 11:59 PM**. Please send this document and all supplemental materials to [president.apousc@gmail.com](mailto:president.apousc@gmail.com) and cc webmaster.apousc@gmail.com .

**Election Day:** Candidates for President and Pledgemaster will have three minutes to give their speeches. Candidates for all other positions will have two minutes.

You may present one slide per position you run for at the time of your speech. Slides are due by **SUNDAY, APRIL 26<sup>th</sup> at 11:59pm** to [president.apousc@gmail.com](mailto:president.apousc@gmail.com). You will not be allowed to pass out additional materials or papers during your speech.

### PART I: GENERAL INFORMATION

Name: Carmen Guan

Year: Senior

Major: Social Sciences (Psychology) & NGOs and Social Change

Pledge Class (Year): Alpha Gamma (Fall 2013)

**Please mark which elected position(s) you are running for with an X:**

- ☒ President
- ☐ Pledgemaster
- ☒ VP of Service
- ☐ VP of Membership
- ☐ VP of Fellowship
- ☐ VP of Finance
- ☐ VP of Communications
- ☐ Fundraising Chair
- ☐ IC Chair

## PART II: SHORT ANSWER QUESTIONS

1. **What is your vision for APO?**

I envision APO as a service fraternity, as an organization that puts service first instead of friendship as it has in the past couple of years. I see the members of APO as supporters of APO who do what is best for the fraternity. I understand this is a long-term goal that it would take multiple semesters of work to accomplish. My hope is that my ideas for this next semester will take us one step closer to this version of APO.

2. **Why do you want the position(s) you are running for?**

I want to run for President because I want to change the image of APO on the USC campus. It has become a fraternity of selective friends who party together instead of one dedicated to service. This is an image built not just by excomm, but by all actives, associates, and pledges and it will take our collective effort to fix.

I want to run for VP of Service to continue a diverse program of service and to maintain a service culture. I want to make sure those who like doing service keep finding more reasons to do service and new fun events to attend. I want to help those who do not put service first reinvest in service by continuing to add new events and more events closer to campus.

3. **What are your goals for the position(s)?**

My goals as president would be to show off our commitment to service to our campus. I want to increase transparency but just from excomm to the active body, but also from the active body to excomm because issues cannot be addressed unless our leaders are aware of them. I also hope to encourage a more positive attitude among our active body to provide a good example for the incoming pledge class.

My goals as VP of Service would be to keep better track of members' hours to make sure they are on track to finishing requirements and encourage them to go above and beyond. I would continue to book fun, different events and events closer to campus to avoid driver issues.

4. **What new ideas can you bring to the position and organization as a whole? Please provide examples.**

As President, I would attempt to mend our campus image as a party fraternity by asking pledges to post service event pictures on their personal Facebook timelines so people outside of APO will see the pictures and see that people in APO do more than party and rave together. As of right now, they are just post it on the official APOUSC page which is mainly followed by our own members. As a result, the only pictures people on the rest of campus see are those posted when APO friend groups hang out with one another.

Next, I would do midsemester reviews earlier (week 4) instead of halfway point so that Eboard can have the feedback they need by midpoint to actually implement necessary changes.

Regarding transparency, actives also need to be transparent. I will encourage actives to speak up about problems so excomm knows what needs to be addressed and how. If possible, members should do it in person so we understand the reasoning behind your issue. Anonymous bring up issues, but they are useless more times than not because excomm never understands where the criticism is coming from and does not know how to address it. I will do this by keeping lines of communication open and by hosting hours HQ so that I am available.

As VP of Service, I would continue to look for fun, exciting events. I would also reach out to Jordan Downs to events on the USC campus since they already do similar things with UCLA. LAPD runs many other programs with the Jordan Downs kids that we did not know about for which they really need help. Additionally, I will organize more joint events with other USC organizations, like DSP, Friends and Neighbors Day, Challah for Hunger, and USC Civic Engagement.

5. **What relevant experience, if any, have you had working in committees or other organizations for the position(s) you are running for? Please be specific.**

I have been working in committees every semester with APO. During my pledging semester I helped out in the AG Fellowship, Casino Night, and Benefit Concert Committees. In Spring 2014, I worked in the committees for Philanthropy, Rush, Fellowship, and Casino Night. Last semester I was Philanthropy Co-Chair and this semester VP of Service.

From my work in all of these different committees and my positions on Aboard and Eboard, I have learned many skills that I believe will prove necessary for both President and VP of Service: teamwork, communication, adaptability, and problem solving.

6. **What other time commitments will you have next semester (i.e. other student organizations, work, research, etc.)? How do you plan to balance APO executive board duties with those commitments?**

My only other commitment next semester is work (roughly 10-15 hours a week). It is the same amount of work I did this semester as VP of Service so I am used to balancing my Eboard duties with my other jobs. Official times for my internship and my enrollment in MPKS are still up in the air.