



## Fall 2020 Executive Board Application

### INSTRUCTIONS

Please attach your **current résumé** and **Fall 2020 schedule** (class, work, other extracurricular activities).

This questionnaire is due **no later than SUNDAY, APRIL 19th 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](mailto: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. If you are running all or nothing for a co position, you may share a speech with your running mate and have **up to two slides**. If you are not running all or nothing, you must have a separate speech and slide. Slides are due by **SUNDAY APRIL 19th at 11:59 PM** to [president.apousc@gmail.com](mailto:president.apousc@gmail.com). No changes to your slide may be made after this date. You will not be allowed to pass out additional materials or papers during your speech.

### PART I: GENERAL INFORMATION

Name: Naomi Lin

Year: Sophomore

Major: Human Biology

Pledge Class (Year): Alpha Omicron Fall 2019

Will you have finished your requirements by April 27th?: Yes

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

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

Name of person you are running with (leave blank if no running partners):

Are you running all or nothing (leave blank if not applicable)?:

## **PART II: SHORT ANSWER QUESTIONS**

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

The Vice President of Fellowship has a great impact on the attitude and the environment that Alpha Phi Omega represents. During recruitment and pledging, I was not only attracted by the ample amount of service opportunities that were offered through the organization, I was also drawn to the sense of belonging and family that seemed to resonate within each member. As I grew more involved, I realized that a big part of that feeling came from the fellowship events where people could mingle and catch up with others that they did not usually interact with on a day to day basis. In my first active semester, I made my best effort to get to know more members within the chapter, especially through the fun activities that the VP of fellowship plans. Although not every event can be catered to the likings of every person, it's still an opportunity to build new relationships and strengthen old ones. I want to offer the same fun-filled experiences to the chapter that I was given in my first year of APO. Through this position, I can further my interest in leadership, while also helping people become more acclimated to the chapter. I hope that the chapter members can also find new interests and hobbies.

### **2. What is your vision for APO and what are your goals for the position(s)?**

Any college campus, especially USC, is a high-stress environment where students often feel like they don't have time or an outlet to de-stress and enjoy themselves. I am also guilty of this. I don't want APO to be seen as another task on their long list of things they need to accomplish, but rather an activity that can help students live in the moment and enjoy life. They can catch up with their friends while simultaneously doing something beneficial to their community. I also want APO to be a safe space where members can vent their frustrations and be given support and advice. This will build trust and stronger bonds within the chapter. With climate change and global warming also being an issue for students of our generation, I would also like to incorporate more green strategies into our events. Already last semester, we started a compost box for retreat. I would like to see that occurring more often for fellowship events like the Chapter BBQ. Another way to help our chapter become more environmentally friendly would be to promote the use of reusable water bottles. This would lessen the amount of plastic water bottles and wasted water because it is difficult to keep track of whose bottle is whose. I don't know too much about other green alternatives, but I have reached out to Audrey to ask about what other feasible recommendations she has to help APO achieve this goal.

I also know that APO will be hosting fall fellowship so I would also love to receive input from the members of the chapters on ideas to help our brothers from other chapters enjoy themselves when they come to visit. There can be low cost and relatively pricier options. My goal is to work closely with the IC chair and special event coordinators of this upcoming semester and this current semester to figure out the logistics of housing and an itinerary that is most compatible with everyone. If the planning goes smoothly,

hopefully it can inspire more members from our chapter and other chapters to come out and have a great time, and explore the major tourist sight of Los Angeles if they haven't done so before.

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

Since fellowship is an important representation of APO's cardinal principles, I know that it is imperative that members are able to express that through the events that they attend. I have asked previous VPs of fellowship about the tasks they are required to do and some of the concerns that come with planning events. One would be that most people do not want to spend a lot of money on events such as going off-campus to get food. It is also difficult trying to find rides for events like these, so I plan to find new alternatives that do not require as much money. Since the utilization of zoom, and Haylie's zoom movie nights during the COVID-19 pandemic, I hope to continue hosting these movie nights or chats either over zoom or in person. This event had a pretty high attendance rate. Another fellowship opportunity for students would be the free workout classes that the USC gym offers in the first few weeks of school. Andrew, our current VP of fellowship is willing to continue hosting his Flabs to Abs series. I also want to promote awareness for mental health and self-care. To do so, it would be nice to plan weekly self-care days where people can do mindfulness exercises and hobbies such as painting, face masks, going for a picnic on the Village Lawn, baking, and possibly scavenger hunts. Another popular thing I would like to bring back would be photoshoots. Many students are starting their transition into the professional world and it would be helpful for them to have nice photos to put as their profile pictures on platforms such as LinkedIn and Facebook. It can also be a fun opportunity to explore more places in LA and improve their Instagram feed if they want. Knowing that this is for the fall semester, there are many holidays that I want people to enjoy with friends. For Halloween, I would like to possibly go to a pumpkin patch and afterwards have people carve their own pumpkins. For Thanksgiving, since the break is short, I know that many people do not have the option to return home, so I want to plan a friendsgiving potluck for members. As for the holiday season, I plan to work with membership to have a white elephant type of event.

For the past few semesters there has also been talk of having an invite for APO so that people can dress up and possibly invite a guest. This could also improve the publicity for the organization if people are able to reach out to others that are not currently in the organization and would still like to learn more about it or meet people within the chapter. However, this may be difficult due to our chapter already having to plan Fall fellowship as well as two initiations: one for the Spring 2020 class and upcoming Fall 2020 class. Although it will be tough, I will try to see if the schedules and enough funding is there to finally make this happen. I will work with the special events coordinator and continue to explore this option as I plan other fellowship events.

**4. 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 not had much experience with working on an executive board during my undergraduate years, but from my current volunteer experiences, I know the importance of inclusivity and making sure that people feel like they are being heard. Through this, I have also improved my time managing skills and social skills. For example, at the hospital, I was tasked with creating a monthly schedule for volunteers to come in and work in specific places based on their time availability and qualifications. While working at the front desk, I could direct people and answer any questions people had. Big businesses such as these also require a lot of preparation in case a challenge does occur. I have transferred this mentality into my work ethic to be prepared for any problems that can come in the future. In shadowing physicians at Children's Hospital Los Angeles, I learned to respect other's privacy and how to act calm in stressful situations. I was also elected to be secretary for my pledge class. This taught me how to communicate with members of my pledge class and the rest of the chapter. I could address concerns and help to find solutions for the issues that arose during my pledging semester. I executed the tasks that were expected of me in a timely manner. In high school, I was captain of my swim team where I hosted weekly team bonding events. In addition, I collaborated with the team's parents to plan the initiation of new varsity members, and the banquet at the end of swim season. From these experiences, I would consider myself a well-rounded person that can cooperate with others on a committee and be able to collaborate with people on the executive board and the rest of the chapter.

**5. 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 other time commitments for next semester include research, hospital volunteering, and SCoat. The research I am currently a part of allows me to complete tasks remotely which means I can work on those requirements on my own time. THV (hospital volunteering) and SCoat are relatively low commitment and each only require around 2 to 4 hours per week. I am trying to plan my courses next semester so that I only have classes Tuesday-Thursday. Friday to Monday I will be available to commit towards the duties that are required of being on APO executive board.