



Fall 2018 Nominated Officer Questionnaire

INSTRUCTIONS

Please attach your **current résumé** and **Fall 2018 schedule** (class, work, other extracurricular activities).

This questionnaire is due **no later than SUNDAY April 15th at 11:59 PM**. Please send this document and all supplemental materials to president.apouse@gmail.com and cc webmaster.apouse@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 15th at 11:59 PM** to president.apouse@gmail.com. You will not be allowed to pass out additional materials or papers during your speech.

PART I: GENERAL INFORMATION

Name: Eva Wang

Year: Junior

Major: Psychology

Pledge Class (Year): Alpha Kappa Spring 2017

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
- ☐ IC Chair

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

PART II: SHORT ANSWER QUESTIONS

1. What is your vision for APO?

My vision for APO is definitely to continue facilitating the family-bond that we currently have. I hope we can eventually foster an environment that makes every individual feel included and right at home. Moreover, I want to continue to improve the communication between actives and Excomm. One issue that does arise is that actives that are not directly “under the spotlight” (Bigs or Excomm) often feel neglected and I want to make sure every active feels heard and their opinions respected. Additionally, not only do I want to foster an APO community but also pride and love for the local community. USC can be a bubble for its students and it is really great that we do service at places like KidCity and with organizations like homeless ministry and Monday Night Mission. It allows us to step out of our comfort zone and be more aware of every socioeconomic conditions. I envision APO to collaborate with more organizations that empower different minority groups such as LGBT, pro-choice movements ..etc

I want us to always strive for the better, whether it be better service, better organization or better leadership. It may seem idealist but I believe that is why we are all in this organization, to keep doing trying our very best.

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

The biggest reason, personally, is to give back. Ever since my pledging semester, APO have given me connections and friendships that I truly cherish and am grateful for. I have met some of the best people that truly care about the community always offers other unconditional love and support. I would love more than anything for the incoming pledge class to have similar, if not the same, experience. A lot of these type of bonding occurs at Fellowship events since there are more opportunities to interact. Therefore I really want to be part of the driving force that facilitates this kind of friendship. My experience as SEC, especially, reaffirmed this passion of mine. Nothing makes me happier hearing that people enjoyed my event and got closer to someone because of it.

Furthermore, after talking to past VPs of this position, I see this position requiring a certain set of qualities including orientation to detail, time management and high level of commitment. All of which I believe I possess as I have demonstrated in the past with positions as SEC and Phi family head. Moreover, I believe I can manage the responsibilities of the position, go above and beyond while maintaining my academic career and personal life demonstrated through pledging and my first semester of activehood. Lastly, as shown on my resume I have a lot of previous experience with event-planning and I am confident that I have the skill set that can really benefit the chapter. I believe I am the right candidate for the position.

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

My first goal for the position is definitely making sure everyone finishes their requirements. I have talked to past VP of fellowships and in their experience they generally don't have too big of an issue with people finishing requirements. Therefore, my second goal is to ensure the events I do put up are reflective of what people want. I will be sending out surveys prior to the start of next semester to see the type of events people enjoy, don't enjoy and would like to see happen. Lastly, we often emphasize the bonding between actives and pledges but not so much between actives. People often stick to their friend groups which is perfectly fine but it would be great if more people can reach out and make friendships outside of their usual friend circle!

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

I would like to implement more regular "series" because those seems to be more popular, especially when it is led by an Active member or pledge. (For instance, Tim's Boba Adventures, Brunch Bunch) It will be included in my survey and I will make regular active announcements encouraging individuals to initiate their own series. I have heard actives talk about wanting to star their own event series but they often just forget or never got around it.

Moreover, actives and pledges always feel the most vulnerable and loved/supported at retreat as they share personal, intimate stories with one another. However, once retreat ends, this level of intimacy is often lost. Therefore, I hope to implement some sort of bonding events that is much smaller-scale but similar to chapter retreat.

Moreover, I think the position of fellowship can definitely work with other positions on excomm in order to offer more than just friendship. For instance, I would love to implement a Broadway musical series where we can watch shows/film adaptations on campus/at home. Broadway musicals often include a wide range of diversity issues that is definitely worth discussing. Just to name a few: Race, love, social economical status, gang culture, queer identities are all prominent themes often found in these musicals. This could be a great opportunity for collaboration between fellowship and Diversity and Inclusion.

Additionally, as one of the responsibilities for this position is to assist Special Events, I would like to use fellowship committee meetings as an opportunity for SEC to bounce off ideas and give updates. Even though a lot of what Special Events does requires a certain amount of discretion, I think it would still be beneficial to have a small team of individuals giving feedbacks and suggestions when needed.

Lastly, I would like to include more holiday-related events and events that are relevant to current issues. For instance, mid-autumn festival, women's marches, Pride..etc. I plan on researching monthly of events happening in the L.A area that we can attend.

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.

The most recent and relevant experience that I have to this position is definitely when I served (still am serving) as Special Events Coordinator. Being Special Events coordinator was definitely stressful, but it taught me how to be extremely detail-oriented and the importance of delegation of tasks. I spent the entire winter break researching for venues and was able to book the location the first week of Spring semester. There were in total more than a hundred individuals attending Chapter retreat this semester. I tried my best to accommodate everyone and from the feedback I have received from people I believe it ran smoothly. I managed to stay on schedule so actives and pledges were able to have more free time for interviews and activities afterwards. Moreover, I believe I demonstrated I have very efficient response time when people had questions or when situation arises.

In addition, my position as Phi Family family head last semester required me to plan DTA. Having only one week to prepare, I made a detailed plan that is easy to follow for Bigs and actives that are volunteering. It was made available to all Phi family members so non-big actives could still feel included and participate/welcome the new pledges.

The summer of 2017, I was an assistant community engagement coordinator at Jumpstart. My main responsibilities included planning and preparing for literacy initiative events like Christmas in July. I had to ensure all the activities were age-appropriate yet still stimulating for preschool students. Moreover, I took inventory and ensured most of the materials we needed were already in stock in order to stay on budget and minimize cost. Additionally, I independently researched and completely a portfolio of available resources for future literacy-promotion events which included a list of books, summary, activities, step-by step instructions for volunteers to follow and more.

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 other commitment next semester, apart from APO, should include the Art Therapy club I am trying to build. However, since I am founding the club, the schedule and workload is really flexible and entirely up to me. Therefore I should have no problem dedicating my time to APO. Other than that I also have work at the Dental school which also allows great flexibility with work schedule.