



Spring 2014 Nominated Officer Questionnaire

INSTRUCTIONS

Please attach your **current résumé** and **Spring 2013 schedule** (class, work, other extracurricular activities).

This questionnaire is due **no later than THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 28TH at 5:00PM**. Please send this document and all supplemental materials to president.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 28TH at 11:59pm** to president.apousc@gmail.com. You will not be allowed to pass out additional materials or papers during your speech.

PART I: GENERAL INFORMATION

Name: Christina Stewart

Year: Junior

Major: Human Biology—Applied Physiology, Cognitive Science

Pledge Class (Year): Omega Class, Spring 2012

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

☒ [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 have been a part of APO for a long time now and I have seen it change throughout the years. I want to see this organization flourish here at USC. As I have always stated, I believe that there are very few organizations that have the ability to change lives and APO is one of them. We are a group of very young college students, but I know that we have all made sacrifices to make the world around us better. United in service, we are able to make a significant impact on our community and our peers. I want to see APO re-emphasize this cardinal principle, to return to

what matters to us the most. I want APO to be recognized as one of the best student organizations on campus. I want every member of APO to remember that he/she was selected to be a part of APO for a reason and that as family, we will support each other no matter what. APO has without a doubt changed me for the better and I want to see it continue to grow so that every brother has experienced all of the wonderful opportunities it has to offer.

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

I wish to be President of APO because serving on Executive Board has been one of the most rewarding experiences I have had here at USC. To be honest, it took me a long time to commit to running. I had to ensure that I would be what our organization needs in order to improve itself at this time. After careful deliberation, I decided that I love APO too much to walk away without trying. I believe President is the best way I can serve APO. I know that my strengths in organization and communication will help better our chapter. My desire for efficiency and passion for helping others will help me push other Executive Board members to be their best. In addition, my flexibility and willingness to change will help me adapt to the challenges that come with being President. I want to be President of APO because I see the growing potential in our organization and I want to push us to be our best. It has been an honor to be trusted with leading APO as VP of Membership and I only hope that I can continue to serve the organization.

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

Many of my goals for the position are included in my vision for APO. My main focus is to lead and assist the Executive Committee with achieving their own goals. Each member of ExComm was specifically elected or selected. I want to help them capitalize on their potential and help them develop their positions through goal-setting and efficient planning. I want service to be our main priority and I wish to help set the tone for the semester. Moreover, I want to do more than maintain the status quo within APO. After conducting mid-semester reviews, I have seen what matters to our members. I hope to implement changes that will better our organization by increasing chapter awareness and involvement. I want to see APO continue to improve as all organizations must.

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

- Recognition: I want APO to be recognized both by USC and Nationals for the work we do for our community. Feibi has already increased our national presence through PR campaigns, but we can do more. I want us to be eligible for national awards like Chapter of Excellence, Dean Arno Nowotny National Service Award, Earle M. Herbert National Friendship Award, and more. I want us to receive recognition from USC in awards like the Tommys and through the development of a flagship philanthropy where other organizations can support us. I believe that recognition of our accomplishments as organization will only further our cause and will keep us focused on bettering ourselves.
- Chapter evaluation and involvement: Every brother is an important part of who we are, regardless of their standing within APO. Every voice is essential. I want to continue monthly E-board reviews as well as begin CAP planning. Nationals possess a lot of chapter assessment tools that we can use. There also needs to be more of a chapter voice in important policy changes so I plan on utilizing the VP of Comm to communicate when important decisions are being made so that members can choose to sit in on Eboard meetings or GBM.
- Efficiency: I want everyone on ExComm to function at their most efficient capacity. I will do this by assigning A-Board members (like Rush Co-Chair) jobs after their duties are over. ExComm needs to function as a team and not as individuals. I also plan on utilizing bi-weekly reports so that officers will be able to evaluate their own progress and will be able to state when and where they need help.

- Communication: I wish to change EBM to ExComm round tables. In this simple change in set-up, switching from a presentation format to a discussion room, I believe that Executive Board members will be more involved in their support for each other. Instead of listening to a watered-down version of GBM, we will be able to work to improve the chapter. In addition, I want to verbalize chapter policies to the general body before important events take place. We came too close to trouble with rush this year and I want to make sure that never happens again by clearly stating the rules and regulations of our organization. I also want to implement VP office hours so that members of the chapter will be able to communicate their thoughts and concerns with those who have been elected to lead them.

I believe that all of the above will help develop leadership, friendship, and service throughout our chapter. I am always open to new ideas and am willing to alter my goals to do what the chapter deems is best.

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 served as the Omega Class VP of Fellowship, Philanthropy Co-Chair, and VP of Membership for APO. This has given me the experience to lead not only the service side of our chapter, but the brotherhood side as well. I have thoroughly interacted with all Eboard members and I am confident that I will be able to help every position develop. In addition, I have served on Panhellenic as a Rho Chi and ADPi as Scholarship Chair. My involvement in other student organizations has helped me develop the organization and time-management skills that will help me succeed as President.

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?

I am extremely excited for next semester because I will have much more time to dedicate to APO than I do now. I will only be taking 12 units of class (I'm auditing 2 units) in comparison to the 18 units I am taking this semester. In addition, I will only be working 8 hours a week which is half of what I usually do. Lastly, I no longer hold a position within ADPi so I can place my true focus on APO. My only other commitments are research on Friday mornings and Panhellenic meetings from 6PM to 6:45PM on Mondays.

I firmly believe that we make time for the things that we are passionate about. I love APO with all my heart and will do anything to make sure that our organization succeeds. APO will be my top priority and I am willing to make sacrifices to better our organization.

Don't forget to attach your résumé and schedule.

Thank you for taking the time to complete the Elected Board Questionnaire. Please be sure to send in your election slide(s) no later than Sunday, April 28th at 11:59PM. If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact president.apousc@gmail.com.

Good luck! ☺