



## Fall 2019 Nominated Officer Questionnaire

### INSTRUCTIONS

Please attach your **current résumé** and **Fall 2019 schedule** (class, work, other extracurricular activities).

This questionnaire is due **no later than SUNDAY APRIL 14TH 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 14<sup>TH</sup> at 11:59 PM** 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: Katherine Zhang

Year: Sophomore

Major: Business Administration

Pledge Class (Year): Alpha Nu (Fall 2018)

**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?**

Coming into USC as a transfer, I was initially worried about finding a group of people that I could connect with in a new environment. However, joining APO eased my transition as I was able to interact with so many people who were friendly and eager to get to know me. Over the past two semesters, APO has not just given me a community within USC, but the organization has given me a family that I could trust and cherish. I believe that the strong friendships within APO is something that can't be found within most organizations, and the VP of fellowship is to thank for creating such a tight-knit community. Therefore, I would like to be VP of fellowship as I want to give the future members the same support that I was given. I want to create an environment where people feel comfortable and accepted, and I believe the position would give me the capability to do so.

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

Fellowship plays an important role for the chapter, being that it is one of the three principles that APO stands for. My goal as VP of Fellowship is to push people to step out of their comfort zone by interacting more with people they don't typically. It is often easy for people to become comfortable with the group of friends that they have already formed and connected with, but it is just as important to have the open mindedness of creating new friendships with other members of the chapter. I hope to continue the popular food events while also incorporating new interactive events for the members to attend.

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

Although I appreciate and love the food events, a common pattern seen within food fellowship events is that people tend to stick with friends that they are already comfortable with. As VP of fellowship, I want to create events that will be more effective in developing new friendships within the chapter. I want to create more interactive fellowship events that will be more effective in developing new friendships rather than constantly sticking with the same people they typically do. For example, I hope to create a event similar to the Alpha Nu's pledge fellowship picnic. Throughout the event, I noticed that many people were more interactive throughout the picnic, and were bonding by playing games or sports with other people within the chapter. By having a variety of games, sports, and food within a relaxed and social environment, the whole fellowship event brought people closer and opened conversations that normally would not be expected.

I want to create a fellowship event such as a picnic or beach social towards the beginning of each semester to incorporate the pledges into the chapter and allow them to meet more of the actives. By having ice breaker games and a social events to welcome the pledges into the chapter, we can create a fun and friendly environment for pledges to meet and interact with their pledge brothers while also meeting actives. We currently have Chapter BBQ during rush that gives actives a chance to meet rushees in a comfortable setting, and I hope to create a similar event of that sort once pledges are chosen.

In order to do so, I want to work with Finance to create a budget that can be used for the active semester. Looking at the current budget for Fellowship, all the budget is going towards rush events such as Ice Cream Social, Chapter BBQ, and Smore's Night. However, by having a budget that we can use throughout the semesters for fellowship events will give us the opportunity to branch out from the fellowship events that we are currently doing, and allow opportunities to create new 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.**

Being the VP of Special Events for Society of Cosmetic Chemist, I have the experience and capability of hosting events with the sole purpose of bonding and creating friendships within each member of the club. I am in charge of hosting games within each meeting and monthly events for the members with the goal for them to feel more connected with each other and form a community within our organization. Therefore, I hope to bring that into APO, and have the opportunity to create fellowship events that will build a strong knit community within our 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?**

In addition to being an active member of APO, I will also be holding an executive board position for Society of Cosmetic Chemist as the VP of Special Events. However, this is nothing new from what I am doing currently this year, and have been able to balance APO and finishing all requirements to ensure my good standing. Throughout the past two semesters in APO, I have learned to balance my work, clubs, and school life while ensuring to prioritize my active standing within APO.