



Fall 2015 Nominated Officer Questionnaire

INSTRUCTIONS

Please attach your **current résumé** and **Fall 2015 schedule** (class, work, other extracurricular activities).

This questionnaire is due **no later than FRIDAY APRIL 24th at 5:00PM**. Please send this document and all supplemental materials to president.apouse@gmail.com and 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 26th at 11:59pm** 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: Ellice Wang

Year: Sophomore

Major: Human Biology

Pledge Class (Year): Alpha Delta

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?

To put it briefly: an APO in which our quality of service is great, our members are passionate about doing service, and our organization is known for our work. I have a two-fold goal as VP of Service: I would first like to see an increase in the quality of our community service as a chapter because while having many

hours is great, I believe it is important to know why we are volunteering and to be passionate about our work and our contribution to the community. My other goal for our fraternity is to be known for whom we partner with in the community and how we are making a difference. I believe we have done a good job PR-ing our brothers and our organization, and I believe it would be great to also publicize what type of work we do to attract brothers who are passionate about service. It has been brought up more recently that our chapter has lost touch with our roots as a service organization so I would love to spearhead or be part of a movement to change this attitude and rekindle our passion for making a meaningful difference on campus, in the community, and even nationally.

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

I want to be VP of Service because I believe it is at the position of authority for changing the general attitude toward service, which I would like to see become more passionate. I believe that creating events that are tailored to the interests of the chapter would be a great way to facilitate the interest of becoming more service oriented. However, to do so we must also revive our committee system because it is a main way for the active and pledge body to voice their opinions on and original ideas for service. I want to make a positive impact on APO before I leave and even if I don't get VP of Service this semester, I eventually wish to get the position in order to facilitate APO to be more passionate about service than when I entered.

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

My goal for this position is, as earlier stated, revive our chapter's passion for service. I acknowledge the fact that the VP position can only do so much and that the chapter must provide the other 50% in order for us to shift the emphasis on service that we seem to have lost. One way to achieve this goal of inspiring service was just done in GBM today (4/20), as our chapter passed the Town Hall slide submitted by Jenny Wang and I that stated we should allow outside service hours to count over the maximum 6 hours once an active or pledge has reached the 25 hour requirement. I believe this is just a small step to show how dedicated our brothers are to service, not just within the chapter but through other organizations, and I hope that seeing the larger number of service hours will inspire others to find service they're passionate about and do more of it. I also wish to increase the quality of service through helping facilitate a paradigm shift on how we approach service. I don't want people to do service just with the intention of finishing requirements, because it shows when someone doesn't want to be there. I believe a way to counter this would be to offer new and exciting events tailored to people who are interested in these new events, and I will be going into detail with this later. My last goal for the position of VP of Service is to help pledges also gain passion for service and to not lose that drive throughout their pledging semester when they are inundated with pledging requirements. I would seek to do so by utilizing the committee system to gather input from the new members and to aid the pledge VP of service in finding a new and exciting service event to attract our entire chapter.

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

The new ideas I have for the position is to send out a massive service survey before school starts, kind of like the membership survey but for service. I wish to use this survey to gauge the interests of the chapter so that I can plan new events that people wish to attend. I am interested in introducing more environmental cleanup related events and working at senior homes, because I have heard several people discuss the lack diversity of events that aren't related to tutoring and helping younger children, which are both noble causes. I recognize that people can get tired of weekly events and that some people don't have time for weekly events or large scale weekend ones, so I wish to find new weekend events that are interesting but do not take up half of someone's day. Furthermore I wish to, with the help of the Public Relations chair, publicize the service that APO does in order to attract people to rush who are interested in not only the people within our chapter, but also the community impact that we have. This would be part of the goal of reviving our chapter's passion for service, by enticing more service oriented minds to join and form friendships through service. A good point someone brought up is if we are a fraternity that does service, or a service organization that bonds like a fraternity? I wish to keep this in mind when helping redirect our focus as a service organization to provide quality service. As such, I plan on creating perhaps a page on the website that features short summaries of all the organizations we work with and the potential impact we can make by showing statistics of the community we are helping. Furthermore, I also wish to have a page of quotes from brothers as to why they do service, or why they enjoy a certain event, so as to inspire new pledges and

perhaps re-inspire actives who have lost touch with their passion for service. Another idea I have was to perhaps give a membership point to actives or pledges who write a blog post about why they do and are passionate about service and how APO has helped play a role in their college experience. I hope doing so would not only be a great method to PR our organization but also gain credibility with other organizations and inspire brothers to find some service they too are passionate about. This also might be a way to help membership retention as members will see how APO played a role in others lives and can draw a parallel in how staying in APO could play a role in theirs. Speaking of other organizations, I wish to get our chapter more involved on campus. I know we have tried to work with other organizations in the past, and I wish to continue doing so. A way we could do so is to reach out to our brothers who are in other organizations to see if they need help with big events, or even offer to help organize events such as health fairs, instead of just being manpower at such events. Furthermore, because we are an established organization, perhaps we can help other small organizations find or plan service events, as I know personally clubs like Outreach have reached out for ideas from me. Either way, I wish to expand our service to other on campus organizations to create a bigger presence for our chapter on campus.

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.

As Special Events Coordinator this semester, I have the experience of scouting venues and opportunities well in advance and for coordinating drivers and active members alike. I also created active retreat, which gives me experience in creating more fellowship-centered events. I believe my work planning chapter retreat is great experience in planning the larger scale service projects and fellowship events because I have learned how to effectively communicate with others, delegate representatives, and to have a backup plan in case something happened not according to schedule. For experience reaching out to community representatives, I researched and helped contact organizations in high school as the environmental club vice president in charge of the Earth Week fair. I am also in frequent contact with the Kids City coordinator as a weekly volunteer mentor. I do recognize that I have not been to a ServComm meeting, and this is completely my fault as I didn't realize that I wished to play a role in shifting the mentality of APO until more recent Eboard meetings in which we discussed the issue much 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?

I will be doing research and likely hospital volunteering at Norris Cancer center. However these are very flexible time commitments that shouldn't pose a problem. I handled doing 8 hours of research on top of schoolwork and APO eboard this semester and am certain I can do so again. I will prioritize my work as an APO executive board member because I will be responsible for changing the chapter dynamic and because I wish to make an impact on the chapter.