



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: Demetrius Reagans

Year: Junior

Major: International Relations/ EALC (Chinese)

Pledge Class (Year): Omega (Spring 2012)

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?

Since pledging I have always seen APO as the fraternity that specializes in doing community service to its own fraternity, the community, and to the nation. That is the main reason why I joined. Along with being service oriented, it is still a fraternity in a sense that we promote brotherhood and bonding. Since we are supposed to be the premier service based community service fraternity I would like to see us push ourselves to be just that. I want the people of APO to

be excited when it's time to do service and I want people to do it not just because they have to, but because they want to and they enjoy doing it. I see a lot of potential with this fraternity and I want to see it be utilized as much as possible.

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

Despite what may have been said or may be known about the Omega Class pledging semester, I really enjoyed it. We as a class came together and took the time out to bond with each other and make the most out of our pledging experience. For me, this was the moment that I learned everything about APO, and based off my experiences, it made me want to come back and continue to be a part of this organization. I see being pledgemaster as an opportunity to give the pledges that same experience that we had to make for ourselves. I find that your experience during your pledging semester will carry on into how you view this fraternity and how you will carry yourself as a future member of APO. This as an opportunity to help foster that sense of community, dedication to service, and hunger for growth in leadership, that will help to move our organization forward.

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

Like the pledgemasters before, I want to be the ultimate resource for the pledges. I want to be the person who welcomes them with open arms but can also provide the firm hand and push when necessary. I have been in APO for three semesters and have picked up twice. With that being said, I know that it is difficult for people who have not picked up during the semester to stay involved and feel included, especially after rush and before DTA. As pledgemaster I would like to have the pledges not only build relationships between their pledge brothers and their big, but also to at least begin getting to know the other actives of the chapter. While we are a service fraternity, there is a lot more to it than just service and I want them to at least think about what they think their role is as pledges in the fraternity and ultimately what it will be as active members. It is mentioned that membership retention is an issue within our chapter, especially with members who are upperclassmen, and I believe that if you get the pledges thinking about it and hopefully pursuing coming back early on, this can help significantly.

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

As mentioned above, I've noticed that every semester, the actives who do not pick up tend to feel less as included and up to date with the pledge class. I plan to address this by:

1. Having a pledge/active penpal letter system, specifically for the actives that have not picked up a little. Each pledge would have an active penpal that they would write letters to every week. With the reveal taking place either after every month, after, half the semester, or at the end of the semester, depending on what is deemed to be long enough.
2. Bringing back the funtivities that are planned by the pledges, that way it isn't just the actives who plan the activities and the pledges feel like they have a role and are able to take charge.
3. Pledge night is good for the pledges to bond with each other, provide feedback, and get to know each other, but an active/pledge night would allow the pledges and actives to get to know each other as well. Pledge night typically involves a sleepover but since it involves actives, this would not be an overnight event. It would just be a day or half day of activities to get to know each other better. Most likely with a prize incentive.

Since pledging is also about pledges bonding with each other, I plan to address this by:

1. Having more pledge night-like activity days. It was mentioned that the pledges enjoyed pledge night and would like to have more days like that. While pledge night is

a mandatory overnight event, this would only be a voluntary daylong or half day event based off of everyone's schedule.

2. I also propose to have an ongoing pledge competition series throughout the semester. In theory, the pledges would be divided into teams and will be provided a series of challenges they have to complete. Each challenge will have a different theme: (i.e. sports, cooking, scavenger hunt, etc.) The winning team would be announced at Initiation.

Lastly, since we are a community service fraternity I would like to bring back the random acts of kindness that was implemented during the Alpha Beta semester. Instead this time, I would like for the pledges to take charge and come up with the service ideas on their own (while working with the Pledge VP of Service). I believe that there is usually a service event that speaks to them or a type of service that they enjoy so I think that letting them choose what to do will help them to find their service niche in APO.

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 think my 2 semesters of E-Board experience has helped prepare me for this position. Sergeant-at-Arms has helped me to become a more vocal person. I know when to and am comfortable with speaking up and letting people know when things need to get done in order to move forward. The position of VP of Communications has taught me a lot about time efficiency and organization skills. With this specific job, you make a schedule of when things need to get done and you have to follow it. Being on time and on top of what you need to do is highly emphasized in this position. Also, from personal experience, I come from a large family and am typically the one who provides the emotional support but am also the motivating force that gets things done. In regards to that, I see this position as something that I would be used to doing already.

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?

Next semester I will have no other commitments with any other organizations on campus. I will have a job at the bookstore but they are pretty flexible with how many hours you want to work a week so I do not foresee it becoming a problem.

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! ☺