



## Spring 2017 Nominated Officer Questionnaire

### INSTRUCTIONS

Please attach your **current résumé** and **Spring 2017 schedule** (class, work, other extracurricular activities).

This questionnaire is due **no later than SUNDAY November 27<sup>th</sup> at 11:59 PM**. Please send this document and all supplemental materials to [president.apouse@gmail.com](mailto:president.apouse@gmail.com) and cc [webmaster.apouse@gmail.com](mailto: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, November 27<sup>th</sup> at 11:59 PM** to [president.apouse@gmail.com](mailto:president.apouse@gmail.com). You will not be allowed to pass out additional materials or papers during your speech.

### PART I: GENERAL INFORMATION

Name: Felicia Lin

Year: Junior

Major: IRGB

Pledge Class (Year): Alpha Eta (Fall 2015)

**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
- ☐ VP of Finance
- ☐ VP of Communications
- ☐ Fundraising Chair
- ☐ IC Chair

## **PART II: SHORT ANSWER QUESTIONS**

### **1. What is your vision for APO?**

When I first joined APO as a pledge, I feel the intense brotherhood that was radiated and given off by all the brothers in the chapter. When I crossed over into activehood, I began to realize that the brotherhood is not as strong as I had once viewed it to be from the time I was pledging. My vision for APO would be an organization where people come together and unify for the same purposes and same goals. A safe-space where everyone's voice matters and an experience where everyone will find valuable and worthwhile.

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

Upon being Sergeant-at-arms last semester, I often had to work with the VP of Membership last semester in approaching problems and solutions that had to deal with membership of this chapter. We came to realize that membership itself is a big position and that it should be broken down and responsibilities should be delegated. With that being said, the VP of Membership and I discussed on methods of how to break down the tasks and proposed the solution. Now it has been voted in that the membership position to be considered as a "Co" position. What pushed me specifically to run for this position now more than before is the thought that the past VP of membership and I had a vision for how we want this co-position to be executed and I believe that if given the chance, I will be able to portray myself as an example for the future generations of Co-VP of Memberships to follow.

I also believe that as someone that had attended every single membership committee meeting this past semester, I have understood the tasks that need to be completed as well as how to go about approaching solutions. Since I am fresh out of my SAA position, where the VP of Membership and I had just went through and completely revamped the bylaws, I have a clearer mind of the changes that are being dealt to this chapter and it would make the most sense that if I ever wanted to run for VP of membership that right now would be the best time for it.

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

One of the main things I would like to attack if I were to become co-vp of membership would be to bring the chapter closer together. I believe that the past excomm as well as the rest of the chapter do not always work together to achieve the same goals. What is so important about APO is that we are "strength in numbers". The organization doesn't just run off service or friendship or leadership but a combination of the three. What I hope to achieve as VP of membership would be to address this issue where we need to begin working as a unit, have more communications with each other, and take care of each other because the chapter isn't just one person, it is all of us.

Another goal would be that since Co-VP of membership is a new position that has been recently created and I was someone that took part in the discussion of splitting the position. I am hoping that if given the opportunity to take part in this position that I would be able to set the model for future co-VP of memberships on how to execute this position.

Next, the main reason why the co-position was created was to be able to have two people split tasks and one of the tasks would be retention. I believe that retention in this chapter has been decreasing and with my position as co VP of membership, I would like to spark those ghost actives and associates and remind them why APO is a great organization to continue to be a part of.

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

Since retention has been a big part of why we are creating the co-position, I would like to tackle on the issue by first making myself available to all active and associate members of the organization. I would like to make myself take on more of a “pauntie to the actives” kind of figure where they can come to me with their problems and issues with the chapter and for me to be able to sit down with them and try to work out ways they can go about their issues. I would individually message members that I see that are beginning to seem disinterested and try to talk to them and figure out what I can do as VP of membership to help improve their experiences here in APO. Because I would like to focus on creating the “stronger together” idea for this chapter, I would like to talk with other VP members to create more events that are new and unique where we have events that contain mixtures of both service, fellowship, and membership so it would help the chapter understand better the combination of the principles. Another idea I would like to bring to the table would be an abroad brother welcome back featuring during gbms. Associate mixers with the new pledge class would also be something I would like to add because I feel it is just as import to get to know associates in our chapter. I would like to also consult with my co on the possibility of splitting the chapter in half and taking on responsibilities for certain half and to make sure to reach out to them and get feedbacks on ways we can adjust the activehood process for them to make it more likely for them to come back.

**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 was sergeant at arms last semester and I attended every single membership committee meeting with the past VP of membership. I worked with her outside and constantly offered my assistance whenever she needed help. I believe I have a better understanding of the position through all the work we have done together as well as with the rendition of the bylaws. Another leadership position that would be relevant to VP of membership would be as section leader of the clarinet section. As clarinet section leader I reached out to the members of my section and listened to them. I used the feedback that I learned to them

adjust my approach and made sure everyone was gaining the experience that they needed. Therefore, for the years I was section leader, the clarinet section retention rate was 90% which is up from the previous semesters of 50-60%.

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?**

Outside of APO if given this position, I will not be doing any extra extra-curricular next semester so I will be able to balance out the time needed to fulfill my studies as well as commit to being a good Co-VP of Membership for the chapter.