



Fall 2014 Nominated Officer Questionnaire

PART I: GENERAL INFORMATION

Name: Sean/Ciero Wang
Year: Rising Senior
Major: Business Administration/Philosophy, Politics & Law
Pledge Class (Year): Alpha Alpha (Fall 2012)

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

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| <input type="checkbox"/> President | <input type="checkbox"/> VP of Finance |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pledgemaster | <input type="checkbox"/> VP of Communications |
| <input type="checkbox"/> VP of Service | <input type="checkbox"/> Fundraising Chair |
| <input type="checkbox"/> VP of Membership | <input type="checkbox"/> IC Chair |
| <input type="checkbox"/> VP of Fellowship | |

PART II: SHORT ANSWER QUESTIONS

1. What is your vision for APO and what are your goals for the position? What new ideas can you bring?

Vision:

I would love to see APO to become an organization that members would come back to semesters one after another and still feel fulfilled. Many of APO members initially come to APO looking for friends that share their passion for service. I want to help them keep the fire for service burning and continue to make positive impacts to the community. In addition, I would like to help strengthen the brotherhood and friendships within the fraternity, which should persist throughout years that they are at USC and beyond. Friendship and service should work hand-in-hand with each other shaping our chapter to become more cohesive and effective overall.

Pledgemaster:

These are my goals for the position of Pledgemaster:

- i) Develop sense of responsibility within pledges – responsible for their own personal growth, accountable for each other, and reliable as leaders
- ii) Inspire pledges to discover their place in APO (why they want to be part of APO, how APO can help them reach their potentials, etc)
- iii) Maintain constant and effective communication – within the pledge team, inside the pledge class, and with the chapter

New Ideas:

- i) Enhance the “educational” portion of the pledging program. I hope to encourage pledges to reflect upon their pledging experiences periodically to think about how they have grown and will grow in terms of the three cardinal principles – leadership, friendship, and service. One possible idea (which is still in working progress) is to ask them to record their pledging experiences in various forms of their choice (journal, blog, vlog, etc). I hope this exercise would encourage pledges to give thought to their development through their pledging process and their long-term involvement with APO.
- ii) I want to meet with all pledges earlier on in their pledging process to help them set goals for themselves to complete by the end of the pledging process. I would like to provide them with guidance in having a plan to finish their requirement earlier on during the semester, so they would not feel stressed to finish their requirement on time and they can spend the rest of their free time dedicating themselves to other parts of the pledging program.
- iii) I would like to work with VP of Membership to increase Big’s participations in pledges’ development throughout the semester. Details would be finalized after conversing with the next VP of Membership, but the general purpose of this program is that the Bigs would hopefully not only be mentors and friends to the pledges, but they would also help the pledges find their place in APO. I hope, at the end of the semester, bigs would know why their respective littles would be a valuable addition to the chapter and how they can grow individually just as well as their littles do.

2. What are two positive qualities that you lack and how do you compensate for these shortcomings?

I might not appear as the “caring” type. I am a very levelheaded, rational person overall, but I am a strong believer in actions speak louder than words. By making myself available and working side by side with the pledge class, I believe the pledges would realize my caring comes in a different form. I am also working on my facial expressions so that I would not seem disinterested and more approachable when I am not engaging in a conversation already.

Another positive quality I could improve on is organization. If elected as Pledgemaster, I would spend a good portion of my summer planning out the semester, so that I will not have to scramble to meet deadlines during the semester. I also plan on working closely with my pledge team and we will keep each other in check as well.

3. 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.

My experiences within APO include Pledge IC Chair during AA semester, and Pledge Uncle during AB semester. My heavy involvement with the pledging process of my own and AB’s has given me a lot of perspective into the process and the organization overall. Working on executive board AB semester has given me significant leadership experience that I can help guide and lead the pledge team and the new pledge class. In addition, my past internship experiences has not only given me a good amount of professional experiences, but also developed my partnering skills, team skills, and interpersonal skills.

4. 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 currently only enrolled in 12 units and still working on adjusting my schedule. Since I have decided to stay for an extra semester, I can afford only taking 12 units if elected as Pledgemaster, and dedicate myself to the pledges. I am not heavily involved in any other on-campus organization except APO, so I should have plenty of time dedicated to this position.

5. Why are you the best candidate for this position?

I believe I will be the best candidate for this position because I am passionate in what I will be doing with the pledges. Drawing from my experiences from the past, I have formulated a great

deal about how I want to run the Pledge Educational Program to best prepare pledges to become responsible active membership of Alpha Kappa Chapter. Because of my passion, I have all the confidence in myself going above and beyond in doing a good job at this position.