



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 and cc 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 14th at 11:59 PM** 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: Angela Chuang

Year: Junior

Major: Political Science

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):

Matthew Lee

Are you running all or nothing (leave blank if not applicable)?:
All or nothing.

PART II: SHORT ANSWER QUESTIONS

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

Since I started getting more involved with fundraisers and attending the weekly finance committee meetings during my pledging semester, I have long held an interest with the finances and the fundraisers of our chapter. While I never intended to be interested in finance, my experiences at my summer internships and roles in my pledge class, USG, and CASA have fostered an interest for more finance-related roles. My past internship experience and roles in other organizations have strengthened the skills needed for this position. I would like to be Co-VP of Finance because I want to continue the work of past Co-VPs of Finance while also finding new ideas and methods to serve the chapter. My past experience as the Diversity and Inclusion Chair has shown me the impact ExComm positions can have on the chapter, even if it's just a small impact, and this has ultimately motivated me to pursue opportunities to serve the chapter. I believe that there are new ideas to be considered for the chapter in regards to this position, and I know that Matthew and I have the skills and the work ethic to accomplish our goals for the chapter.

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

My vision for APO is to continue an environment that responds to the chapter's concerns and comments and reflects the common interest of the active body. If elected, I hope to work with Matthew to increase transparency to help the active body understand and visibly see where dues are going and aid new A-Board and Excomm members in creating their budget requests. Beyond transparency, in order to be able to reflect the chapter's interests and respond to its concerns, we must also increase our flexibility and open-mindedness. Should the chapter have concerns about anything related to finance, I believe it would be our jobs to take these concerns and new ideas very seriously and move forward in the most logical and feasible way possible to solve these concerns. In order to work towards the common good of the chapter, one of the goals we have is to reduce the amount of additional payments on top of biannual dues. This would mean creating more fundraising point opportunities that do not require the chapter to pay and establishing more external fundraising opportunities.

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

1. More ways to earn fundraising points

Currently, we have a lack of opportunities for fundraising points that do not require members to pay themselves. People are paying an additional amount through retreat auction, Blaze fundraiser, APIEO, etc. Beyond pledge fundraisers, there is a larger focus on internal fundraising rather than external. If elected, we would like to bring more opportunities for people to receive fundraising points without paying for the points. This would mean creating more external fundraisers in addition to pledge fundraisers and giving members who help with the fundraiser fundraising points. Another idea is to give fundraising points if actives refer non-APO friends to buy something like elephant pants from us, which can be done through a "Who referred you to this fundraiser?" section in a pre-order form.

2. Increase Transparency and Outreach

Transparency is something that I believe is crucial for any organization's finances. If elected, we will continue to uphold past methods of transparency, such as updating the budget sheet throughout the semester on the website. However, we hope to increase our overall transparency by creating a sheet that is public to the chapter that has our Venmo transactions. Should anyone in the chapter have concerns about APO finances, he or she would be able to access our sheet and keep updated with our transactions. Additionally, we hope to increase outreach to new Excomm/Aboard members by helping them individually establish their budget request that are due prior to the start of the semester. As a new a-board member this semester, I was confused on what exactly the budget request would entail, especially because I had new events in mind. If elected, Matthew and I will perform one-on-one outreach with all Excomm members before budget requests are due to aid anyone in need of help. That being said, I believe it would be helpful for new A-Board and Excomm members to have two sources of aid: their predecessors and Co-VPs of Finance.

3. Frozen Accounts and Payment Plans

We would like to make it clear that our payment plan idea is not something we would implement unless this is something the chapter would like to be implemented or feels is feasible.

Our bylaws mandate freezing accounts if dues are not paid, which we acknowledge and understand because members who have not paid dues and continue to attend events are taking from the chapter's limited resources and spaces without paying the way other people do. However, we believe that our community and partner organizations can suffer if we do not allow all of our members to participate in service events they wish to participate in. We've seen issues in attendance in recent weeks at Kid City and Soapbox Derby. We are currently working on and exploring the idea of a revised payment plan. The first base payment would cover shared costs and additional payments would be made for events you wish to attend, such as DTA or initiation. This way, members can continue to attend other events, such as service, fellowship, and IC, as they wish as long as they pay the base payment. Understanding that this is a significant change, we would like to emphasize that we would not implement this change without input and approval from the chapter.

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.

During my pledging semester, while I was not Fundraising Chair, I was able to **work alongside the Alpha Nu's Fundraising Chair** and contribute a significant amount to the planning process of the fundraisers we did, including spam musubi, candy grams, and elephant pants. During this past semester, I served as an **intern for CASA's Co-Directors of Finance**, where I was able to shadow them and their responsibilities within the organization. I helped plan the interns' assigned fundraiser by contacting and coordinating with 85 Degrees Bakery and organizing the fundraiser itself. We were able to raise over \$200 within the time span of 3 hours. As a **USG Senator** for the 2019-2020 school year, one of my responsibilities is to review and debate the annual budget allocations for USG. The USG budget is \$2.3 million, and the budget cannot move forward without the review and majority approval of the Senate. During my campaign with my slate partner, it was my responsibility to maintain and properly allocate the money we were given by USG to run our campaign.

Outside of student organizations, I have also worked with budget reports and office finances through my past internship. In the summer of 2018, I was an **intern for**

the Democratic Party of Orange County, where I managed office finances and prepared monthly budget reports that were presented to board meetings. Beyond office finances, I was also assigned to manage finances and complete donation intake for the Democratic Party of Orange County's large-scale, annual fundraiser that features high-profile politicians and supports the DPOC's core operations for a majority of the year.

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?

I will be serving in the USC Undergraduate Student Government Senate, which will require at least ten hours each week. However, 8 of these hours are my office hours and are flexible to when I would like to schedule them. Pre-Senate and Senate meetings are held Tuesdays starting at 6:15 PM, which as a result, will not conflict with APO's EBM/GBM times on Monday. I am also currently in the process of applying for CASA's Co-Director of Finance position, which, if selected, will require me to attend weekly board meetings and multiple events a month for CASA. This schedule is very similar to the one I have for this current spring semester, and I have been able to balance my APO responsibilities as Diversity and Inclusion Chair while maintaining my grades and upholding my commitments with other organizations. While I may have other time commitments beyond APO next semester, I also have a lighter load of classes in the fall to accommodate to my work schedule with USG and my other academic commitments beyond classes. As a result, I will have more flexibility in balancing my schedule with APO executive board duties and my other time commitments. Just as I have these past two semesters, I will continue to prioritize APO.