



Spring 2016 Nominated Officer Questionnaire

INSTRUCTIONS

Please attach your **current résumé** and **Spring 2016 schedule** (class, work, other extracurricular activities).

This questionnaire is due **no later than SUNDAY, November 29th 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. Slides are due by **SUNDAY, November 29th 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: Katie Jagodka

Year: Senior

Major: Policy, Planning and Development & Communication

Pledge Class (Year): Alpha Beta (Spring '13)

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

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> President | <input type="checkbox"/> VP of Finance |
| <input 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?

I want APO to be known on and off campus as a top service organization. I want people to remember why they joined such an organization and remember why they choose to spend their time doing community service. I see

APO as a club that not only serves our community, but also a group that helps and develops each and every one of our members. I don't want people to view doing service hours and fellowship events as "requirements", but as steps toward a rewarding college experience and potential growth. I'm a firm believer in surrounding yourself with good people. With such amazing and diverse people in APO, I feel as though our members will continue to inspire each other to keep doing bigger and better things.

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

I wouldn't be where I am today if it weren't for APO. While I always wanted to make a difference in the world, I never really knew what that meant or how to tangibly do so. Through the service events I've attended through APO I burst the homogenous suburban bubble I grew up in and broadened my perspective on significant policy issues, in particular poverty and education. APO has ignited my passion toward making a difference in the lives of people. As I am taking my PPD courses, I feel right at home as I am fully immersing myself and learning about social justice issues that I want to be a part of changing. I want to give back to the organization that has helped me find my calling in life. I want to run for President to inspire others to keep service in their lives and to leave a positive lasting impact on our communities. As best as possible, I want to shift the culture of APO and stop thinking about finishing requirements and start acknowledging the impact and results our work has on the people around us.

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

Internally, my goal is for APO to increase its retention rates by reigniting and maintaining a passion for service, while cultivating the bonds of fellowship in our chapter. I want to raise more discussions in regards to post-speed dating and allocate a portion of each e-board meeting to effectively do so. I will also fully support the Sectional Chairs and Committee to make Sectionals the best it possibly can be. Similarly, I want to make sure e-board members are supporting each other throughout the semester. I plan to implement one-on-ones with each e-board member every other week to go over goals, appreciate their work, and/or provide any necessary feedback or help with what they are doing. Externally, I want APO to maintain its title of best service organization on campus, as well as increase its presence on campus. I will apply for the 2016 Tommy Awards to keep our organization at the forefront of service. Unfortunately, I believe APO has developed certain reputations that may not holistically illustrate what it actually stands for. I hope to combat this by continuing to foster the relationships we have with other organizations on campus and work with them to plan a few large-scale events. Additionally, I will work with the VPs to be on the lookout for social justice and other service-oriented events on campus that our members can attend together to show our fellow Trojans we care about a variety of issues that are effecting our community.

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

As President, I plan on working with the PR chair to create a flagship philanthropic event that APO does every year or bi-annually. I will make a committee to brainstorm ideas (i.e. benefit concert, participate and raise money for walks, play with puppies) and apply for USG funding in order to make this event happen. Additionally, I want to make sure APO is an active help with the Alliance to Solve Homelessness in Los Angeles. I plan on setting up a committee that can help with the research they need (legal, medical, social media, etc.). I feel very passionate about this cause and believe that APO should be at the forefront in helping, especially since this coalition aligns so perfectly with our goals and values.

On a lighter note, I thought we could implement a cute activity/tradition in APO called Angels and Mortals. This would be a week (or however many days we want to do it) where each person interested gets assigned someone who will be his or her "mortal." Similar to big-little appreciation week, the Angel will do a random act of kindness to their "mortal" without revealing their identity. This could be in the form of a cute note, little treat, cleaning their

room, or whatever his or her creative mind can think of. At the end of the week, the angels and mortal will be revealed to each other. I hope that through implementing something like a random act of kindness a day, members of the chapter will be motivated to continue doing these good deeds outside of this little game as well. This is also a great way to foster brotherhood and fellowship among members, as they oftentimes must get in contact with other people in order to keep their identity a secret.

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.

Nationals Leadership By-Laws Committee/Interchapter Chair: At Nationals last year I was not only a voting delegate, but also a representative of Region X on the by-laws leadership committee. As such, I read through the corresponding material about how chapters all over the country worked. I am very knowledgeable with many of the ways different schools decide to run their chapters and can reach out to many individuals, like our Sectional Chair “Golden Boy” Will Tien, to help provide us with any feedback or help with our events.

Pledge Class President: As Pledge Class President, I developed the skills necessary to check in on my fellow pledge e-board members and make sure we were all on track to finish and/or modify the goals we set out for ourselves. I set up weekly meeting times and consistently messaged my team to see if any one needed any extra help. I also set up Facebook committees for the kidnapping and was able to resourcefully use connections my fellow pledge brothers (tacos for food, people who knew how to do make-up/dress, etc.)

Rush Co-Chair: As Rush Chair I gained insight on proper PR tactics and the behind the scenes work of pre-speed dating that would be extremely beneficial in setting up proper guidelines for the next post-speed dating. This also gave me the experience of being a spokesperson for the chapter, which I am now very comfortable with.

Alumni Liaison: In this position, I had to work with a specific budget and allocate my spending accordingly. In order to plan Alumni Dinner, I applied for Leadership Funding through USG and was able to significantly cut down on costs. This will help with any planning in regards to the flagship philanthropic event I plan on implementing.

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 Spring, I will continue to work at the IRC customer service center. The hours for this position are extremely flexible and consist of a very light workload. Other than the occasional time conflict, work will not hinder my ability to perform to my fullest. I will continue my duties as a Resident Assistant at Regal Trojan. This semester, I had all of these mentioned commitments along with my involvement in CIRCLE leadership development seminars and a 20-unit workload. I will not be a part of CIRCLE anymore and will only have 18 units (which I have done all my other semesters as an undergraduate). I am now very familiar with my duties as a RA and can appropriately schedule out my time to effectively fulfill my duties in both positions.