



## Spring 2020 Nominated Officer Questionnaire

### INSTRUCTIONS

Please attach your **current résumé** and **Spring 2020 schedule** (class, work, other extracurricular activities).

This questionnaire is due **no later than SUNDAY, November 24<sup>th</sup> at 11:59 PM**. Please send this document and all supplemental materials to [president.apousc@gmail.com](mailto:president.apousc@gmail.com) and cc [webmaster.apousc@gmail.com](mailto: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 November 24<sup>th</sup> at 11:59 PM** to [president.apousc@gmail.com](mailto:president.apousc@gmail.com). You will **not** be allowed to pass out additional materials or papers during your speech.

### PART I: GENERAL INFORMATION

Name: Andrew Anhao Li  
Year: Sophomore  
Major: Neuroscience  
Pledge Class (Year): Alpha Xi  
Have you finished requirements?: Yes

**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):

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

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

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

When I first rushed for APO the fall semester of my freshman year, I behaved very differently from how I act now. I was a small quirky boy who was unconfident and unsure about the types of relationships and connections I would make in college. I heard about APO from my friends from high school and decided to give it a try but was not truly able to put myself out there because I was too conscientious about whether or not my personality type would be accepted or not in college. Even though my intentions were good and hopeful, my resolve and confidence in myself was constantly wavering. When I did not make it my first rushing semester, I was really devastated. I attributed my failures to the immaturity of my personality and ideals when it was really a matter of a lack of confidence in my own values and ideas. I had initially assumed that I would be too discouraged to rush again the next semester because I felt unvalued and too immature to be accepted with my personality type in college. However, it was the people who I did meet in rushing that motivated me to come out of my comfort zone again and make me repeat what I did again hoping that people's perceptions of me would change. When I made it the second time I felt so relieved, and I remember during my pledging semester the respect and awe I had when I would see people like Michael whose humor and banter would instantly make others laugh and Justine who had a smile that was so infectious it would light up the room. I saw how the other APO members would look at Justine who was the VP of Fellowship during my pledging semester and rely on her for comfort, guidance, and cheer. That infectious positivity and genuine kindness are the qualities that I believe should be represented as the VP of Fellowship. I want to continue the act of spreading love and positivity as the VP of Fellowship and honor the hard work that Katherine, Justine, and the previous VPs have done to keep and further the inclusiveness and familial bonds that are formed within APO. It is because of these reasons why I am so eager to sign up for events and interact with as many people as possible.

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

My vision for APO is to try to bring the members closer together, especially the ones who feel as if it is hard to be as incorporated within the chapter. I realized that there are many barriers that can prevent people from becoming closer such as the fact that one is in, socioeconomic barriers, and cultural differences. Therefore, I would like to try to initially incorporate events in which people can become introduced with each other and then participate in some sort of activity which brings them closer together whether that be bonding events or some sort of competition. My vision and goals as the VP of Fellowship is to essentially spread the acceptance and sense of family to all members of APO in order to prevent them from feeling excluded or left out. Because APO has already offered me so much happiness and love, I would like to reciprocate that sentiment to all of the members to ensure that we can all prosper and engage in our service, philanthropy, or finance events with excitement and positivity. I want to have a higher rate of Active retention which is not only present during the beginning of the semester and incorporate large events where everyone can participate in and have fun without thinking that they are not skilled or included enough to participate. I would also like to continue to also do smaller-grouped events where that sense of intimacy between groups of people can still be cultured and developed.

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

I think one of my greatest strong suits as VP of Fellowship is that I have a very creative imagination and also being able to mix service and work with fun. My interests in fellowship activities are also very holistic because they incorporate both events which can be very sweet and cute or very outgoing, strange, or memorable. Naturally, it is very hard to incorporate large-scale events that can be relatable and interesting to large groups of people while also being financially manageable. I believe that one of the most effective ways to keep people engaged while participating in a large-scale event is to have some level of competition involved. I also know that it is actually better to have the competition be based off of factors that do not actually require skill because when people feel like they are bad at accomplishing something, they will become discouraged and less motivated to complete the task. I also hope to coordinate as much as I can with the other VPs to do joint events which can allow the members to gain multiple requirement points and be more motivated while they participate in service, philanthropy, or

finance events. Below, I have compiled some ideas that I believe can keep the Active and Pledge Body engaged while also being very fun and memorable:

- Goodwill Hunting:  
There will be an event sign-up sheet and the people who sign up will be placed into groups of around (3-5) with each group having around a \$20 cap to prevent excessive spending. They will go to nearby thrift stores or Goodwill and then purchase an outfit that they think is the most worth or the funniest and send a photo of one of the members wearing to APO Fellowship email or collectively meet in one spot for verification. The pictures will be shown at GBM and the winner with the best outfit can be voted via cheering or Kahoot (if there are a lot of groups then I probably won't do the vote but will compile it into a funny video). I will then coordinate with the VPs of Philanthropy to help donate the clothes to a local shelter, church, or charity (Salvation Army) and the members who participated will earn both a Fellowship and a Philanthropy point.
- Tie Dye Water Balloon at Park (Pledge vs. Actives)  
This event will be kind of similar to the one that is done in the beginning of the year during rush, but later near the end of the semester when the pledges and Active body is more familiar with each other. It will also be a competition of pledges vs the Actives with each side having a specific color. In order to set up, the pledges can come earlier and get enrichment points or an hour of service requirement and fill each balloon with water containing a small amount of tie dye. The members of APO will go to a park with a lot of open space wearing white shirts that they don't care about and have a tie dye water balloon fight (if you get hit you are out). At the end, everyone will be able to take cute photos wearing their new tie-dyed shirts. Also, if more time is needed to set up we will do other ice breakers that are well-liked like shipwrecked, categories, etc.
- APO Appreciation Page (maybe in conjunction with APO memes or on Facebook)  
In high school I had an account that I shared with my friend where we would essentially post funny memes but also write these extensive letters for our friends that would explain why we cared about them any why they were important to us (kind of like the love book). I heard that APO has done something similar to this in the past on Facebook, but I would like to revive those sentiments of appreciation and love by revitalizing that and having a space where Actives or pledges can either send long endearing messages to each other through that or also mention funny jokes or short sayings that can be visible for others to see. The sender can be anonymous or visible and the message personal or lighthearted.
- Car Wash  
This will be an event that can be paired with Finance where people can sign up to wash cars and APO members can choose to have their car washed for a selected price. The members who to sign up can choose to wear a predetermined uniform or normal clothing and gain both a fellowship and fundraising point for participating. Those who buy a carwash can sit on the side or inside their cars and watch. The cleanliness of the vehicle cannot be completely guaranteed, but it is the experience that they are paying for more. Furthermore, the people who buy the car wash and the person's whose house with a hose we are doing the event at will also receive a fundraising point (i.e. Carlos most likely).
- Miscellaneous Fun Small Activities During GBM  
These events will compose of a very quick and easy task during GBM probably around once a month where I will give an opportunity to get a fellowship point (especially if people are having some trouble finishing their requirements). They will usually be themed to the time and be something like me hiding 3-4 Easter eggs in the GBM room and whoever can find one can get a point. They will all comprise of something random but kind of exciting like that to increase interest during GBMs and persuade some of the Actives to be more present during the events.
- Continue the Events that Previous Fellowship Chairs Have Done

This will include the food events that members like to lead like Justine and Justin's Spicy Adventures, Assassins, Fellowship Hike and also introduce new activities which will not be too expensive and can be done in smaller more intimate groups like karaoke, painting, baking together, etc.

**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.**

I have a lot of leadership and fellowship-based experience throughout high school and college. When I was in high school I was part of Key Club and served as the Spirit Coordinator of the school district (Division) which was essentially the VP of Fellowship in that organization and included a multitude of responsibilities such as hosting fun fellowship events for the club, teaching them the club chants specific to our Division, and leading the members during the biggest event of the year called Fall Rally where tens of thousands of Key Club people would gather and have a cheering competition against each other. I would also host all of the ice breaker events during the monthly Division meetings with the other schools.

In high school I was also part of the Associated Student Body (ASB) which was a very active role in the school community because I had to plan all of the dances, school spirit events, and host many of the rallies as I would speak into a microphone to the whole student body. There would also be many cool and fun competition type events where each of the classes would compete against each other such as doing karaoke competitions and dances during Christmas. From this position, I learned to not be afraid in performing acts or talking about information to large groups of people and creating an atmosphere of laughs and positivity. From both of these positions, I learned to be able to coordinate large events with other people while also maintaining a fun and cheerful image in front of others.

**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?**

Most of the things that I will be doing next semester will be essentially the same as I am this semester. While doing these commitments, I have still maintained a strong balance of my education, social, and professional goals. Even with these responsibilities I have one of the highest numbers of service hours, the most fellowship points in the organization, and one of the most Family Points because I am also very active in other aspects of APO (fundraising, membership, IC). I have also interviewed most of the incoming members of the pledge class (25 in total) and devoted a lot of effort in to making sure that they were intimate and meaningful.

Current Commitments:

Lab Research

Hospital Volunteer

Scout

ALA