

**Fall 2019 Nominated Officer Questionnaire**

**INSTRUCTIONS**

Please attach your **current résumé** and **April 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](mailto: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](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: Sharyse Watanabe

Year: Junior

Major: Health Promotion and Disease Prevention

Pledge Class (Year): Alpha Iota Fall 2016

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

[ 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?**

My main reason for running as president is to take the lessons I’ve learned over the years and use them to help empower, teach and support the members of our chapter. APO is something that I cannot imagine my college career without. It has given me leadership, friendship, and service as promised, but so much more than that. The reason I have stayed in APO for the past 6 semesters is because I have genuinely enjoyed the variety of service and the new opportunities for relationships. When I pledged APO I never thought of myself as a leader or somebody who could be a mentor. Through my experiences in Excomm and in the chapter, I have become more confident in myself and my decisions. My hope is that I can share this experience with both new pledges and active members to help promote confidence in leadership skills, something many people believe they lack.

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

My goal is to ultimately create and maintain an environment where people can give back to their community and make lasting relationships. APO was always a safe space for me. A supportive environment where I found life friends. I also want to focus on promoting leadership, something that many people commonly say is their “weakest” trait in LFS. More leadership opportunities can also help increase active retention, another constant problem within APO. Actives who are not picking up and not on E-board should have an opportunity to stay involved.

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

As president, I want to combat low membership retention rates by creating an intern board. We could have 1-2 interns per Executive Board position who are there to support the VP. In the past we have talked about splitting many E-board positions. Instead of dividing responsibility for the department even further, these interns could have practice planning and executing events which would also reduce the load of the VP. This would let active members have the opportunity to learn more about a position they wish to take in the future as well as gain more experience for the position. VP of service is a big role for our chapter but few know the intense work that goes on behind the scenes. As an intern, actives could learn how to become a better leader before taking on the positon. These intern positions would be filled voluntarily and would not be required. This also aids those who run for positions and do not get it. Actives now have the opportunity to stay involved rather than “peacing out” because they aren’t on executive committee or have picked up. It would let them also have the opportunity to gain more experience before re-running for the position.

Another thing I have been wanting to bring back is APO Compliments. This anonymous compliments page is a way to share love throughout the chapter that is more informal and more frequent than Love Book. People can direct message the page with a compliment for a specific person. They can be anonymous or not, but the page will post the compliment and tag the member. I was sad to see it fade away my pledging semester and would love to bring it back for the newer members.

Our organization is about Leadership Friendship and Service. The only problem with the leadership is that people usually need experience before they are voted in as a leader. There have been many people who want to contribute to the chapter as a leader yet are denied that opportunity because of a voting system that is based upon reputation and amount of experience. This intern board would give those who are just starting out to have a smaller role to take before attempting to run for a VP position. Not everybody is natural born leader and this intern board would give people the opportunity to develop their leadership skills and learn from others in our chapter.

1. **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.**

In the past, I was VP of Fellowship as well as Co-Director of Recruitment. Both positions were amazing experiences that taught me to be flexible, patient and decisive. During my time as Co-Director of Recruitment, I practiced cooperation with other Excomm members and extreme organizational skills in order to execute recruitment. Similar to President, Recruitment is the point position that oversees many of the different logistics and ensures everything runs smoothly. Although this was on a more compact and smaller scale, I believe it was a valuable experience that will help during presidency. Working with all the different departments of APO to ensure everything runs smoothly was actually something I enjoyed doing and something that I invested much of my time into. VP of Fellowship gave me valuable experience on E-Board. I have a better insight to the function and inner workings of Excomm and I believe that I have the necessary knowledge/confidence to become the leader of the board. I’ve seen 6 Excomms throughout my APO experience and have seen many ups and downs. I have learned what works well and what doesn’t. With this, I am confident that I can direct each position to meet the chapter’s expectations.

1. **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 semester I plan to work at a research lab for 10-12 hours per week as well as my course load. I personally find that having more work to do forces me to become more efficient with my time. My google calendar is my lifeline. I am constantly logging in events, tasks and due dates to my calendar in order to know exactly what needs to be done when. I believe I have the ability to budget my time between classes, research and the time commitments required by APO. This organization is important to me. I realize that if I am elected president, I am making a commitment to the chapter. I would prioritize president duties as I would with a paid job and manage my time efficiently.