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**Fall**

**Fall 2013 Nominated Officer Questionnaire**

**INSTRUCTIONS**

Please attach your **current résumé** and **Fall 2013 schedule** (class, work, other extracurricular activities).

This questionnaire is due **no later than** **FRIDAY, APRIL 26TH at 8:00PM.** Please send this document and all supplemental materials to [president.apousc@gmail.com](mailto:president.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, APRIL 28TH at 11:59pm** 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: Vicky Wen

Year: Sophomore/Rising Senior

Major: Psychology

Pledge Class (Year): Alpha Alpha, Fall 2012

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

[ ] President

[ ] Pledgemaster

[ ] VP of Service

[ ] VP of Membership

[ X ] VP of Fellowship

[ ] VP of Finance

[ ] VP of Communications

[ ] Fundraising Chair

**PART II: SHORT ANSWER QUESTIONS**

1. What is your vision for APO?

My vision: Be recognized widely on our campus for our devotion to community service and for our passionate and compassionate brothers.

Since I have pledged, I realized that many people did not know that Alpha Phi Omega is a fraternity. I had to, many times, inform the person that Alpha Phi Omega is a national, service fraternity, and it is co-ed as well. People also asked me if I enjoy being in Alpha Phi Omega, but little did they know the hospitality of our brothers and our commitment to always help others in need. Of course I have a wonderful time in Alpha Phi Omega; it upsets me that other students cannot connect with my feelings of pride for being associated with such an inspiring organization. This is why my vision includes being recognized widely, so others can affiliate Alpha Phi Omega with dedication and friendliness and not as a questionable, Greek organization.

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

I believe fellowship is the foundation for fostering relationships. Fellowship events are moments when people, who have no reason to socialize, set aside a time and find coincidental similarities during those events, resulting in friendship. Without fellowship, there could be no friendship. In other words, VP of Fellowship is VP of Friendship.

I want to be the mediator that brings people together—give them a chance to build a relationship. My life is built around creating relationships. The role of VP of Fellowship/Friendship is my philosophy on life. I care about people, and I want to nurture them.

All in all, I want to make people happy, and fellowship is one aspect of life in which people can be happy. VP of Fellowship/Friendship can help me spread the most happiness to the most amount of people.

1. What are your goals for the position?

My goal: To promote strong friendships through fellowship events between Alpha Phi Omega brothers and to work with other E-Board members to have more interdependent events.

I want to produce events that are full of entertainment while being interactive or relaxing. I understand that friendships do spark from doing something fun together, but it transforms into a strong relationship by getting to know the person. I would like to have a minimum of 2 large events each month, for the initial spark, and have smaller events in between, for the fuel to the fire.

The large events would be those that pertain to my theme month (see below for examples). The smaller events would be, for example, Movie Nights, Chipotle Takeover, or The Sing-Off (karaoke). These events have a lot of chances where people can interact one-on-one or with multiple people. It is low in intensity, so people do have time to relax and chat.

An example of an interdependent event would be Bingo Night (see below). Bingo requires no need for teaching, so everyone can participate. It is a $5 buy-in (fundraising point). The money is broken down like this: $1/card (we keep for charity) and the rest of the money are exchanged for $0.25. It costs $0.25/card/game, and 75% goes to winner and 25% goes to us for charity. Additional quarters may be exchanged. A guest may come along (fellowship point), because there is no maximum amount of players for bingo. Guests will also need to pay the $5 buy-in.

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

To the position:

* Create a theme month in which a minimum of 2 events have a relation to the theme
  + September = Art Month: Trip to Getty Museum/LACMA, Handcraft Workshop(s)
  + October = Sports Month: Archery Lessons, Football Tournament, Kayaking
  + November = Food Month: Shinsengumi Challenge, Trip to Farmer’s Market, Iron Chef

To the organization:

* Create a signature fellowship event that can incorporate Alpha Phi Omega and non-Alpha Phi Omega members
  + Trip to Farmer’s Market
  + Bingo Night

1. What relevant experience, if any, have you had working in committees or other organizations for the position you are running for? Please be specific.

See resume attached for a complete list of positions. The following are my significant positions:

Pledge Aunt – I helped plan Diamond Turtle Affair. Planning for the event started before rush began. Sean and I gave ourselves enough time to look for a place and to book it a month in advance. We also looked for catering businesses 2 weeks before Diamond Turtle Affair, so that if needed, we would be able to give a week’s worth of notice to the businesses. The necessary actions to execute Diamond Turtle Affair can be applied to the execution of fellowship events. The same steps will need to be taken with adjustments based on the specified fellowship event.

VP of American Cancer Society – I constantly needed to brainstorm new ideas to put on every month to bring awareness to cancer. I was able to implement these ideas with the help of my cabinet. We always met the week before the new month to plan the upcoming month (ex. meet last week of October to plan for month of November).

Fellowship Committee – I was part of the fellowship committee during Kristyn Ikeda’s VP of Fellowship semester. I was experience first-hand the efforts it takes to plan fellowship events.

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?

My other commitments only include work. It will only take up the time allotted on my schedule (see attached schedule).

***Don’t forget to attach your résumé and schedule.***

Thank you for taking the time to complete the Elected Board Questionnaire. Please be sure to send in your election slide(s) no later than Sunday, April 28th at 11:59PM. If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact [president.apousc@gmail.com](mailto:president.apousc@gmail.com).

Good luck! ☺