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**Fall**

**Spring 2015 Nominated Officer Questionnaire**

**INSTRUCTIONS**

Please attach your **current résumé** and **Spring 2015 schedule** (class, work, other extracurricular activities).

This questionnaire is due **no later than** **FRIDAY, November 28th at 11:59PM.** Please send this document and all supplemental materials to [webmaster.apousc@gmail.com](mailto:webmaster.apousc@gmail.com) . PDF is preferred.

You may present one slide per position you run for at the time of your speech. Slides are due by **SATURDAY, November 29th at 11:59AM** to [communications.apousc@gmail.com](mailto:communications.apousc@gmail.com) . You will not be allowed to pass out additional materials or papers during your speech.

**PART I: GENERAL INFORMATION**

Name: Charlie Jackson

Year: Senior

Major: Biology

Pledge Class (Year): Omega (Sp. 2012)

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

[ X] President

[ ] Pledgemaster

[ ] VP of Service

[ ] VP of Membership

[ ] VP of Fellowship

[ ] VP of Finance

[ ] VP of Communications

[ ] Fundraising Chair

[ ] IC Chair

**PART II: SHORT ANSWER QUESTIONS**

1. What is your vision for APO and what are your goals for the position? What new ideas can you bring?

My vision is probably the same as most other people running: I want APO to be recognized on campus as the best service organization on campus, but also an organization that fosters great friendships. I think this is accomplished two different ways: internally and externally.

Externally, the best way to spread the name and meaning of APO would be to continue attempting to work with other orgs on campus (which I know is much easier said than done) and continuing our PR efforts not only before rush, but during and after.

Internally, I have many ideas of how to continue to improve the organization. My primary goal would be to improve how ExComm functions as a group. That is, to make it less like individuals doing their own isolated thing, and more like people working together to run an organization. I think this will have a trickle down effect and lead to an easier semester for every active and pledge in the organization. As president, I’d like to be at least informed, if not involved, in the day to day functioning of the organization rather than simply focusing on the major things. I aim to be a resource for all the VPs and chairs to help them more easily perform their duties. My goal is to be able to step in whenever I’m needed, whether that be as another person helping KEDS run smoothly, or helping someone get in contact with one of the organizations that we work with, or something bigger like organizing a failing budget. The president, I believe, should have at least a basic knowledge of all the positions, how they run, and what they are doing.

I’d also like to implement some sort of by-laws boot camp. This would be aimed at new members and eboard members, but recommended for everyone. I think there are many things that actives are unaware of/ unsure of that could be cleared up during this meeting. This would include things like the declining requirements scenarios or applying for extra associate semesters depending on what year you rushed. Even explaining what sorts of issues can be presented at town hall so that people feel more comfortable proposing changes. I think many people aren’t even aware of some of their options unless they’re on Eboard already.

There are many other smaller things that I’d like to do to help the organization run more smoothly for everyone. For example, over winter break I’d like online group meetings to help organize and plan rush so that everyone involved is on the same page. Before deliberations, I want to have an actual un through with the AEs and the people running so that everyone knows what their jobs are and what to expect during the real thing. I’d like to continue working on a best practices manual (something I started this semester) so that knowledge and experience isn’t lost with each ExComm turn over. I’d like to better utilize the ExComm calendar so that we can spread out our major events throughout the semester and avoid having too many events at the same time/day so that important events don’t draw attendance away from one another.

1. What are two positive qualities that you lack and how do you compensate for these shortcomings?

I sometimes am not as good at thinking outside the box as I would like to be. I don’t always instantly come up with new, clever ideas. I compensate for this by taking my time to think over issues until I find what I think to be the right solution (which sometimes is the creative, outside the box answer I hoped for, but sometimes is not). I also compensate for this by using the input and opinions of other people who often have ideas I never would have thought of.

Another positive quality I lack sometimes is time management. I’ve learned to prioritize and organize my life through lists and schedules, which is what I’ve had to do as VP of Membership and what I plan to do if I’m elected president. I keep myself on track by organizing things so that I get them done when they need to be.

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.

I honestly think the most relevant positions for being president are the two positions that I’ve held already in APO. As Pledgemaster Alpha Gamma semester and VP of membership this semester, I’ve had extensive behind the scenes experience with how ExComm works and different ways of running an Eboard. As Pledgemaster I had a bit of experience working with all the different positions to help pledges plan events. I had to do a lot of communicating between different people, whether it was ExComm members, pledges and their bigs, or the chapter in general. And I had experience overseeing and delegating to the pledge eboard (which on a small scale I think is similar to being president). As pledgemaster I also had to help with behind the scenes things like big/little pairings and deliberations. As VP of membership, I also had to do big/little pairings and behind the scenes organizing, but I also spent a lot of time talking to actives. Through the mid semester reviews, but also through just talking to people, I have a strong understanding of what most people want from the chapter and where they want to see improvements.

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 biggest time commitment next semester other than APO will be classes. And I’ve managed classes and APO commitments twice before, so I’m not worried about doing it again.

1. Why are you the best candidate for this position?

For many of the reasons I’ve already listed, I think I would be the best candidate. I’ve had APO E-board experience and I know how the organization runs. I’m good at managing people and events – a skill necessary for being president. I’m not afraid to say no to people or to shy away from confrontation when it’s necessary. But I’m also not one to pick an unnecessary fight. I believe I’m a good problem solver and am quick to find resolutions when needed. And I think I’m approachable, which in theory will mean people won’t be scared to ask me for help when they need it or to bring problems to my attention when they are unhappy.

I’ve also been an active for five semesters, which may seem insignificant, but it means I’ve acquired a lot of knowledge about APO in general. I know what’s been done in the past (even beyond just the semesters I’ve been around) and I know what has worked and what hasn’t.

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

Thank you for taking the time to complete the Elected Board Questionnaire. If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact [president.apousc@gmail.com](mailto:president.apousc@gmail.com).

Good luck! ☺