

**Spring 2019 Nominated Officer Questionnaire**

**INSTRUCTIONS**

Please attach your **current résumé** and **Spring 2019 schedule** (class, work, other extracurricular activities).

This questionnaire is due **no later than** **SUNDAY November 18th 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 November 25th 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: Michael Truong

Year: Sophomore

Major: Health Promotion and Disease Prevention

Pledge Class (Year): Alpha Mu / Spring 20108

**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

[X]  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)?: Yes

**PART II: SHORT ANSWER QUESTIONS**

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

Throughout my time with APO, I saw the inner works of communication within this chapter. There are many things that I saw that could be improved and haven’t been with the previous holders of this position. Seeing this, I know that I can take it upon my own hands to further the growth of not only this position, but also within APO by means of streamlining communications. Furthermore, the past VP of Comms, Justin Chang, and Valerie Lo, are close friends of mine, and have been talking with me about this position and inspiring me to run because I believe that I can use it to make APO more efficient. Furthermore, I believe that my driven personality and work ethic will allow me to reach to all individuals in APO, actives and associates, not only in our chapter but also in other chapters as well.

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

My vision for APO is to become more efficient in communication within the chapter, and throughout other chapters. I want to use my position to, among other things, increase relations between other chapters. I want to do this my mobilizing social media and using it to be inclusive and to reach out for more connections through our chapter. Furthermore, I want this position to be one of **CONSISTENCY**. I want all future VP of Comms to have the same mentality as mine when it comes to consistency. I want to release a schedule of everything I will send through email or through Instagram and tell the active body what dates and times these emails will be sent out, no matter what. This will make communication more effective and efficient because now the active body will know exactly when emails will be sent out, no matter what, for the duration of the semester.

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

One thing I have not seen are Internship or Job spotlights. Many people in APO are actively working in internships and jobs that are very interesting, and if put on a spotlight, can lead to numerous professional connections and inspiring stories. Furthermore, I want to work closely with the Alumni Liaison to show Alumni lives on the Instagram page following graduation. This has the potential to inspire the new members of APO in their APO careers and in their professional careers, seeing those who have gone before them. Lastly, I want to streamline communications. I want to do this by shortening GBM and EBM minutes, first so that people actually read them and not just read them for the hidden word. I will do this by only including new information that is not already on the slides, such that information does not get redundant for people reading.

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 college, I have been on the Executive Committee of one other organization, the Inter-Health Council, which is the umbrella organization for pre-health clubs. I held two positions in this committee, Director of Mentors and the General Body Coordinator. Through this position, much like VP of Communications, I acted as the liaison between the executive committee and the general body, as well as the mentors within the Mentorship program my club put on. I believe that the skills that this position taught me, i.e. how to make communication more efficient and effective, will carry over to my position in APO, if I am elected to do so.

Furthermore, this semester, I served as OMEGA Fam head, in which I planned DTA, put on fam events, and coordinated fam gear. However, my most important job as a Fam head was two things. The first was to work hand in hand with the VPs of Membership to put on events such as DTA and Fam events. These events required constant communication and truly taught me how to communicate more effectively. Furthermore, I also acted as a liaison between the VPs of Membership and the rest of OMEGA family. My job was to ensure that information spread to me from Excomm and the VPs of Membership was parsed and effectively distributed amongst my family.

Both my position in APO and my positions in IHC have taught me many things. The most important of them being how to work in a team, not just by myself. Being VP of membership isn’t just working by yourself and sending emails, it’s about contributing to a team of leaders to further the growth of an organization. Through these positions, I feel that I am fully prepared to take on the challenge of VP of Communication.

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 will be working in a research lab studying public health. This commitment is very minimal, as it only requires about 6-8 hours outside of class in the lab a week. One thing that is most important when considering my position is my workload. I am no longer going to be taking Organic Chemistry this semester, which took up the bulk of my time this semester. Furthermore, among all the orgs I have ever done, my commitment with APO is be far the strongest. Throughout the semester, APO has consistently been the single organization that I spend the most time with and have the most passion about. Because of this, I have made my next semester easy on purpose, so that I can further my commitment to APO through a position in Excomm, and hopefully picking up as well.