

**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 24th 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 24th 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: Jun Kim

Year: Sophomore

Major: Neuroscience

Pledge Class (Year): Alpha Xi – Spring 2019

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

[ x ]  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?**

This semester was an especially challenging one for me, there were a lot of things going on in my life and it took a toll on my mental health. I was constantly stressed and struggling with internal battles, but fellowship events seemed like the one place where those problems seemed to just go away. For me, fellowship events was where I could briefly forget about all that is going on in my life and just have a good time with the people I care about. Everyone made me feel so warm, welcomed, and safe and whatever we did, it was fun because we did it together. I want to be able to help others feel the same way I did – we all need to get away from our hectic lives once in a while and have a place where we feel comfortable enough to destress.

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

I would like to plan and host events that encourage bonding and give people a break from their busy lives. Sometimes we get so lost in our responsibilities and projects that we compromise our own well-being. I feel that it is difficult to help others (through service and other activities) when we cannot even care for ourselves. I want APO to be the supportive family that anyone can fall back on. Through fellowship events, I would like to help both the pledges integrate themselves into the active body as well as help the active body establish deeper relationships with their brothers. My goal for this position is to encourage more bonding and communication between the members and to provide a safe environment where everyone feels welcome.

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

There are two chief complaints that I observed as my time as fellowship intern. The first is the lack of diversity in fellowship events – the same events are repeated every semester, sometimes every week. The second is the difficulty of integration for the new members into both the active body and within themselves. At fellowship events, it is easy to continue to stick with the group of people we feel most comfortable with, making it difficult for both returning and new members to feel well integrated.

I have come up with a couple fellowship event ideas that can address these two issues.

* **Buddy Groups:** Working with membership, we would assign pairings to people who are not very familiar with each other. Each pairing would then sign up for a date where they can host their own fellowship event or come up with a fellowship event they would like to see (and attend). This would solve both of the issues listed above.
* **Q&A:** Inspired by the Coffee Chats from diversity, I believe we can take a spin on this for fellowship to encourage conversation between members. A lot of times, we are all dealing with internal battles and concerns that we do not always feel comfortable sharing aloud but would like some advice. Before the Q&A sessions, members would anonymously send in such concern they would like advice on (or a question they would like to ask other members that were not able to previously, or even just a topic of interest that they would like to discuss). At the sessions, we would discuss these topics and provide different perspectives on how we would approach each of the concerns/questions/topics. In doing this, I believe that we can provide a space where no one has to be afraid to talk and we can deepen our relationship with members through these conversations.
* **APO Olympics:** Taking the sporting series that we currently have one step further, we can have people form teams and go through a series of sporting events, competing with other teams.
* **Potluck:** We could host a potluck (similar to the Diversity x Fellowship potluck this semester) where everyone brings one of their favorite dishes either reflecting their hometown/country or a distinct memory. For example, my friends back home and I would always get brunch when we hung out and every time, someone would order French toast. French toast to me brings back memories of our brunches talking about nothing and everything.

In addition to the events listed above, I would love to introduce mindfulness events to APO where we can take time to reflect on ourselves and re-evaluate our own goals, achievements, and struggles. Last year, I had the opportunity to take a mindfulness class and closely follow the works of Jon Kabat-Zinn, the figure who brought mindfulness techniques to the mainstream. I believe I can take what I learned from this class to formulate events that incorporate mindfulness techniques**.**

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.**

This semester I served as fellowship intern, working closely with the VP of fellowship. I had the opportunity to plan two events on my own from start to finish (Picnic and Cookie Decorating) and, although small, I believe that I have acquired the skills necessary plan and manage fellowship events in the future. From this experience I learned the realities of planning fellowship events – such as budgeting, finding drivers, and encouraging people to attend – but also how fun the entire process can be. I also have previous experience working as a camp leader, which I believe gave me the skills necessary to come up with creative and fun bonding activities as well as the skills required to manage a large group of people.

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 involved in volunteering (outside of APO) as well as research. Outside of APO, I do not have many other commitments and the commitments that I do have follow a very strict schedule, which allows me to plan my time out in advance. My time as fellowship intern has taught me realistically how long it takes to plan and execute each fellowship event, and I think it is this experience that will allow me to allocate sufficient time for executive board duties and plan accordingly. In addition, my classes next semester are much less demanding, which allows me to dedicate more time to APO.