INSTRUCTIONS

Please attach your current résumé and Fall 2018 schedule (class, work, other extracurricular

activities).

This questionnaire is due no later than SUNDAY, April 15TH at 11:59 PM. Please send this document

and all supplemental materials to 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. Slides are due by

SUNDAY, April 15TH at 11:59 PM to president.apousc@gmail.com. You will not be allowed to pass out

additional materials or papers during your speech.

PART I: GENERAL INFORMATION

Name: Alex Konovnitsyna

Year: Junior

Major: Human Biology

Pledge Class (Year): Alpha Kappa

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

[ ] President

[ ] Pledgemaster

[X] 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?

I want APO to be a chapter where everyone feels like they belong, no matter what their background is. I want every brother to feel like they have friends who care about them and for no one to feel isolated and alone. I signed up for one big happy family and although I understand that that is hard to do with such a large group of people, I want APO to stay as inclusive and welcoming as possible. I also want APO to make other people feel like they belong as much to their community as possible. Whether it be handing out hand warmers to DPS or interacting with the elderly to make them feel included to the community they are a part of.

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

I want to be VP of Service because I believe service can be incorporated into every part of APO and I want to make sure people are fulfilling their service requirement because they genuinely enjoy the experience and not treat it as a requirement. While I love the friendship that APO has given me, we are a community service organization and I want to make service more exciting and make it easier for people to finish their service requirement and want to do more service by incorporating new events and extending our outreach in the community. I truly believe there is strength in numbers, and APO definitely has the numbers to be able to make an impact on our community.

Before I joined APO, I regularly attended Monday Night Mission and it is still my favorite service event. I’ve gone to Homeless Ministry, Share A Meal, GWHFC, and Care Mission, and while I enjoy all of those events, they all focus on the same general idea: to feed people and make them feel human. I wish to incorporate Crysalys and Peace, Love, and Knowledge into our regular service events because they focus on helping the homeless population gain and keep a job. Whether it be by helping them with their resume or helping them find an outfit, these orgs can help us increase our outreach.

Additionally, I’ve noticed that we do not have service events targeted towards the elderly and towards animals. Although Fur Baby no longer requires our help, I have been in contact with the River Rose Foundation which focuses on homeless pets on Skid Row. I have also been in contact with the Action for Aging organization which focuses on making sure the elderly are well taken care of and allows us to spend time teaching an elder how to use a computer or even just spending time with them.

Ultimately, I want to be VP of service because I want to bring new events to the chapter, encourage brothers to want to finish their service events, and extend our reach to the community.

3. What are your goals for the position(s)?

I want to put out as many new service events as possible. However, having been P’Auntie last semester, I understand the struggles of pledges taking lead, so I would need to slowly introduce novel events and limit certain events if these new events become popular in the chapter. Additionally, I understand that certain events only sound glamourous, but aren’t very great. Thus, I will be visiting all of the orgs I listed above during the summer to make sure that they are something our Chapter would enjoy.

Additionally, I hope to incorporate service into fellowship events. USImmigrantCafe.Org is a website with listings of restaurants in Los Angeles opened by immigrants to the US. I feel we could do our part as a community service organization to visit some of these places to help others while also enjoying time with our brothers. This can also be a way to incorporate diversity events into our chapter as many of these restaurants are owned by the ethnic minorities in Los Angeles.

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

provide examples.

Aside from the organizations listed above, I feel like much of our recruitment during rush is dampened by having few actual events and larger overflow events. One event I want to incorporate during rush is the LA Taco Festival which focuses on hosting a cultural festival for the homeless population in Skid Row. Additionally, before pledges need lead, I would like to have two actual rush service events scheduled at the same time instead of one as much as possible. While overflow events are a great way for the chapter to interact with the rushees, I think service events like GWHFC and Monday Night Mission are much more impactful on a person.

I would also like to collaborate with other organizations on campus to strengthen our reach during recruitment and in the USC community. While most of us may not be musically oriented, the USC school of music is and I have been trying to coordinate a service event with Thorton in which we help the organization Musical Moments to bring cheer and entertainment to people on hospice care. Additionally, I hope to work with Khauffman at a service event that corresponds with rush at the Los Angeles Performance Hall.

5. 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.

Having been a Pauntie to 34 wonderful kids, I’ve learned a lot about how excomm works and how much of a time commitment it is to be on excomm. I’ve also seen my kids struggle to take lead, so I understand that I would need to incorporate new events slowly to avoid overloading the Alpha Nu’s. I have also helped my kids plan how they will finish their hours and listened to which events they enjoy and why they enjoy these events. While this is not a complete representation of the chapter, it has shown me that people are genuinely interested in new events.

I’ve also served on Diversity committee this semester, this experience has taught me that there are many issues that APO is still shielded from and helped give me ideas on how to incorporate service into diversity, such as with USImmigrantCafe.org

6. 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?

I have two jobs next semester, a research job at the health sciences campus that would require 8 hours out of my week and my position as a senior entomologist at the natural history museum, which also requires 8 hours a week. However, I have also had these obligations this semester and have been able to fulfill my roles as a P’Auntie and an integral part of pledge team without any complaints.