

**Fall 2019 Nominated Officer Questionnaire**

**INSTRUCTIONS**

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

This questionnaire is due **no later than** **SUNDAY April 14th 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 April 14th 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: Spencer Zahabizadeh

Year: Freshman (2022)

Major: Intelligence and Cyber Operations

Pledge Class (Year): Alpha Nu (Fall 2018)

**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

[X] 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?**

I am seeking a role in Finance because I want to have a directly active voice in the monetary aspects within APO. I feel that within this position, there is improvement that can be made upon some of our tasks, like handling the budget and how dues are paid.

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

My vision for APO financially is to keep a mainly conservative atmosphere. What I mean by this is keeping most of our previous protocols that we worked alongside in past semesters, but while also allowing for progressive changes in certain areas that will enable APO to be more flexible with its budget. This may include slight changes to the prices of dues as well as increasing the variety of fundraising events within a semester (this could include bringing back ones that proved beneficial in past semesters). One goal that I will strive to obtain from the beginning is maintaining a low or possibly even a zero deficit. I acknowledge the fact that there will be inevitable obstacles that will prohibit me and my Co-VP from achieving this, but I believe that with enough pre-planning and clear communication, my goal can easily be met. Another goal that I have for this position is to incorporate a bigger inter-chapter presence in some of the fundraisers that we have. In order to work up to this goal, I will communicate with both the I.C. chapters as well as our very own IC Chair.

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

One experimental idea that I would like to try for the Fall 2019 semester is incorporating a “forgiveness” policy, in which you get to pay back for the semester you were not able to pay for in full. In other words, if you could not meet all your due payments, then, depending on your class year and “credit reputation” (meaning you were able to pay in full in past semesters), you could have your remaining sum be transitioned over to your next semester of membership. In opting for this choice, the member will be liable to a fixed interest rate on only that remaining sum. The purpose of having this policy is to limit the number of accounts that must be frozen for a single semester. Again, this is very experimental, and I am expecting to be met with a significant amount of opposition from member both in and out of the executive board. What I am trying to stress here is the importance of inclusion and keeping within APO members that have continued to show us their dedication and loyalty to this organization. Another idea that I have for next semester (and possibly future ones to come) is to add a second UGOP. If time permits, I am confident that a second UGOP would enable both financial stability as well as more flexible budgets for our various executive boards. In addition, I would like to bring in old fundraising events that may have proved beneficial in past semesters (I would have to check with older members to confirm for examples).

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 have not yet had the pleasure of gaining experience in other organizations on campus. However, I can bring both communicative skills as well as budgeting tactics that I believe APO can benefit from. In addition, I have advanced knowledge in using Microsoft software, particularly Excel.

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 searching for a part-time job on campus, but nothing has been finalized yet. If I was to secure this part-time job, I would still make sure to put my priorities as a Co-VP of Finance first. As with my classes, I will set aside sufficient periods of time in which to better focus on my tasks under this position.