

**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: Kabish

Year: Sophomore

Major: Business Administration

Minor: Data Analytics

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

[  ]  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):

Clare Cho

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?**

My desire for this running for this position is to do with myself growing as a person and making myself more useful by doing something that I enjoy doing. I believe my future will be in managing finances and taking care of a company or organization and APO for me is another steeping stone in my path. So, with that I want to help APO in any way possible as everyone has added a homelike feeling with in college which was something, I did not think was possible in college.

I want to simply learn about everything in the finance world and how an organization works as it will help both me and the organization if I can strive and do something to make an impact. I want to start with APO as no matter the size of an organization, money is a common thing in all, therefore similar ideas to save money and make money will help everyone in the long run.

Lastly, being an intern helped me learn and see the things the finance positions did in APO, but the truth was that it is just a backseat driver position. OI only looked over that was really happening and did not have much of a say in the ‘main’ ideas, and therefore did not have the power to bring my own ideas forward. Therefore, another reason for me deciding to run for this position is to be able to make changes and decision that will help make our organization run more efficiently in regard to money and as a whole.

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

As a Co-VP of Finance, the main goals for me would be to use money in the most efficient ways. From this semester as an intern, I was able to see the places where we were wasting a lot of money such as more than necessary Uber costs, which could’ve been avoided. Therefore, my main goal for APO would be to provide the optimal allocation of money to help our organization strive in finances while also having a good stress-free time about money issues. I would also further discuss the transparent use of finances which was implemented this semester as the I have not received any complaints about how the finances was used, but then again I would not be the person to receive these complaints. But if there is a more efficient way to help everyone see our transaction rather than us copying every transaction and pasting them on a word, I would like to be able to find that middle ground.

With better allocation of money, efficiency and transparency, my goal is to help the finance of APO not only focus on getting money through fundraising but also to help using money to get the most out of it for our organization. Finally, I also want only finance to really be worrying about finance as everyone else already has their own positions and things to worry about and this semester I believe that there were too many outside finance people worrying so I hope to make it worry-free for the others.

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

There are many ideas that Clare and I will be putting on the table for the next semester. With the problem with inefficient transparency, we would like to be able to use a medium platform that is updated weekly or even twice a week, by either one of us, to help the people who are concerned about our funds to be able to see everything. We would also be able to like to fix the problem of the people having to think about where their funds are going by giving them thorough view of everything the money goes to and how it is worth it. We want to make sure that all funds used, and all transactions of the chapter are made readily available to the chapter in order to ensure complete transparency.

Our other focus would be to increase collaboration with the Creative Director to be able to improve the quality of our designs that we sell to help fundraise. We want the creative director to have more of a required role in this process of designing things as this semester it was very weird and annoying for us and the creative director to have the finance chair to keep asking for “favors”. We ourselves may not be very artsy but the creative designer could make good-looking things as demonstrated by Gary during my rushing semester. The collaboration requirement will help ease the conflict of the creative director wanting to help us for “free” and it would much be rather something they are a part of so they can both be included and so they can feel like they are just doing something that they chose to help with.

Finally, an issue that has been present in APO is accounts being frozen due to non-payment of dues. From my perspective it is simply not the smartest thing to do, for example if you owed the bank some money and rather than having consequences for missing a payment date, they closed your account instead, it gives you no incentive to pay this amount of money ever. This problem is further enhanced in APO as it restricts people from doing service until they pay, and this is not what LFS is about. We do not want to prevent members from doing service as this reduces the number of members that can contribute to our external organizations, which can harm the numbers going to service events.

I believe that there should be strict rules on payment plans, but with also strict rules a way to help everyone be able to pay their dues. An idea could be a small fine that can be revoked once could help but this may be too serious. Therefore, another solution would be Clare and I working on a new payment plan where dues will be shifted back and restructured around main chapter events. Each payment plan due date for dues will be set after a main chapter event, which would allow more active members to participate in the main chapter events regardless if they make the next payment. We do recognize that this change in the timing of the payment plan might not have a huge impact, and we will not implement this plan without input from the rest of the chapter.

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.**

The first thing for me in this position is my own family and personal background that revolves around business and finance. This is also what I will most likely be doing in the future so both this previous the lifestyle I have set for myself in the future. This is where I am dedicating my life and even with the risks, I have chosen to work and use my knowledge to help me and my family. As aforementioned, this position is another stepping stone, from being an intern which was a great position to get an overview of how things work for this position. However, even though the intern position was a good learning step, there was much more I could’ve done, as I have done in other positions.

My position as an intern in the Mercedes Benz Dealership helped me look not only the finance but the importance of relationships between an organizational structure. Money plays a very high value role is what I learned through this experience as the customers are looking for the cheapest price, whilst the employees are in search for not only good pay but good resources and a healthy environment. From this experience I hope to be able to try to please most people in APO and have everyone not stress about finance as my job in this experience was to find the balance and help both employees and customers.

Another more finance focused role I played was to review the books in a café in high school. I was responsible for checking the books after the boss had made his calculations. This included, revenues, expenses, and most things on a balance sheet. My job in this role was to weed out his mistakes, and also to find opitaml allocation of resources to help maximize his profits. I feel like this experience will help me in APO because our goal here is also to remove all unnecessary costs and make money that we can use to the fullest, and not waste. While in this position I was just looking over someone’s work, I feel like it was the same as being a finance person who was looking over the paper, but now will hopefully be the one writing the books alongside my Co-Vp of Finance.

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?**

As of now, I do not have any other time commitments outside of APO other than my classes of which I have attached my tentative schedule. I will make sure to have APO finance as one of my main priorities after my classes. I hope to be able to work in sync with my co-chair to make sure to help with any and all tasks and to always be ready to do more work in weeks that she has other commitments.