

**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: Justine Huang

Year: Junior

Majors: Data Science, Economics

Pledge Class (Year): Alpha Mu/Spring 2018

Have you finished requirements?: Yes (points for IC pen pal are put in)

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

[ ]  President

[  ]  Pledgemaster

[  ]  VP of Service

[X]  Co-VP of Membership

[  ]  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): Katherine Zhang

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?**

I want to run for the Co-VP of Membership position because I want to continue to give back to our APO community and also to learn more about the organization itself. Membership deals with maintaining a positive relationship between the actives and the organization as a whole, and I want to help every single member, whether they are actives, associates, or pledges, have the best experience in APO. In addition, I would also love the chance to be more involved in helping the pledges throughout their pledging process. APO and its people has been such an important part of my college life, and as Co-VP of Membership, I want to continue making a difference in our Chapter while representing the people in it to the fullest of my ability. I want to take a more integral role in being the process that builds and strengthens bonds between all members of our chapter.

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

My vision for APO is for it to be a community where everyone a part of it feels welcomed and comfortable to share any ideas, thoughts, and problems with each other. I want this community to be an inclusive and open-minded one. I see APO as a safe space for people to help and push each other and the fraternity to grow for the better. Part of my vision is for others to see us as a team and as a family. If I were to become the Co-VP of Membership, I will strive to further improve inclusivity and also to facilitate wellness within the chapter. My goal would be to help make every part of the chapter, not just the active body and pledges but also associates, be involved and feel like they are valued in our chapter. Thus, I will aim to put on events to work towards these ideas and initiatives (which are elaborated below).

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

There are many ideas and changes I believe that I can bring to this position and organization as whole, but I would like to focus on and build on two main initiatives. The first pertains to the integration of our chapter as a whole. I will try to better integrate not only associates and abroad brothers, but also spring admits and transfers into USC and the Alpha Kappa Chapter. I’ve realized that it can be difficult for associates and abroad brothers to be integrated back into the chapter after a semester or two away. One way I want to battle this is to bring back Associate Spotlights during GBM where we introduce associates to the pledges and the rest of the active body. Similarly, for abroad brothers, we could also make informational slides, and if they are willing – have them make a vlog or set up a video call with them during GBM. For associates, I also have ideas on how to help them finish their semester requirements. As for spring admits and transfers, we would provide also workshops/resources and also give them interview requirements to not only help them get more used to APO but also USC.

Our second main initiative pertains to the wellness of all members of our chapter. I believe that more than ever, partly due to recent events in our community, well-being and mental health should be given the utmost priority. Especially as college students, I think we would all benefit if we put on mental health or wellness workshops and resources and for our members. Some workshops can be as simple as teaching college students to eat healthier or cook healthier. There are many simple but important skills to have as young adults in college and though workshops and/or just weekly slides, we could increase awareness of the importance of wellness and well-being of not only others, but also ourselves. In addition to wellness workshops, we would like to continue doing more professional workshops such as the pre-med one. We’ve already gauged interest of brothers in the chapter willing to host workshops in other subjects.

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 believe that my current position as the Co-Director of Recruitment and past position as VP of Fellowship have given me a very good understanding of not only how APO and our ex-comm works in general, but has also prepared for what I need for this position I am running for. First off, director of recruitment is also a co-position, so I know I will be able to work with someone else as Co-VP of Membership, especially with someone I know well. Other than that, there are many skills and experiences I believe will help me with Membership such as having to create and manage both the recruitee and active Master docs during recruitment. Furthermore, having been on exc-omm for the past two semesters, I believe I more or less knows how ex-comm works and functions and will also be able to effectively cooperate with the rest of ex-comm.

My experience in International Student Assembly will also help me with the tasks required for the position I am running for. Other than organizing events for the student body, as the current Chair of Community Outreach and past Chair of Internal Operations of ISA, I also plan events for the members of ISA and work with other e=board members to create events. Having been the Chair of Internal Operations of ISA has given me skills and experience in a role that I believe is similar to membership for APO; I was the person on e-board in charge of ISA’s roster and attendance (and keeping track of members’ requirements), I planned our retreat for both e-board members and interns, and I also organized other events such as karaoke or food outings, and aimed for members within our organization to become closer.

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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?**

My other main commitment next semester would be my position on the ISA E-board. I think it would be no problem managing this with my APO duties as I have been in ISA ever since I joined APO and have managed it along with both APO pledging and APO E-board duties.