

**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: Katherine Zhang

Year: Junior

Major: Business Administration

Pledge Class (Year): Alpha Nu, Fall 2019

Have you finished requirements?: yes

**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): Justine Huang

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?**

As the VP of Fellowship this semester, I was able to gain exposure and insight of how APO demonstrates LFS through our events and general structure of our organization. Being able to create fellowship events this semester allowed me to create an inclusive environment for the active body to feel connected. I believe that my experience being on Excomm and my strong desire to create a welcoming environment for all active members of our chapter will help integrate each individual into our chapter as a whole.

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

Membership plays an integral role in our chapter and organization as a whole. The APO community is constantly changing and making improvements on ways to better integrate new members of our fraternity into the active body. My vision is to have a more inclusive and welcoming chapter of APO for associates, pledges, active, etc. Although our chapter has done an incredible job thus far, I believe that there is still room for improvements and changes that can be made to improve our inclusivity.

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

Although there are many new ideas that I believe can be implemented into our organization, I have two main goals that I want to implement and focus on for next semester. First, I want to improve the overall integration of our chapter as a whole and allow members of our chapter who may have taken a semester away from APO to still feel welcomed and included once they are back. I want to help not only abroad brothers and associates, but transfer brothers and spring admits feel welcomed within our chapter as well. One way to help integrate the associates specifically, is reintroducing the idea of associate spotlight. Previously, Associate Spotlight was used to introduce the associates of our chapter to the active body and new pledge class during GBM. This allowed a chance for the pledges to learn about the associate members and get them integrated into the chapter. We can also implement this for abroad brothers to speak about their experience abroad while introducing themselves in a vlog or facetime call during GBM. Associate retention has always been an issue within the Alpha Kappa Chapter. My goal is to help more associates finish requirements and be in good standing.

Coming into USC as a transfer or spring admit while figuring out college is often a challenge. I want to create workshops and provide more resources to allow them to feel more integrated and welcomed to USC and included in our chapter. Secondly, we want to promote an intuitive to help raise awareness to the importance of mental health and each member’s overall wellbeing. I want to create workshops that will allow our members to have the necessary resources and environment to feel comfortable talking about mental health issues and events to help destress. Similarly, we want to continue the professional workshops created this semester to introduce career advice and talks to the active body.

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 am currently serving as the VP of Fellowship this semester. Through this position, I understand the duties and commitment needed to serve on Excomm. I have the experience and knowledge of creating events that will benefit our active body while promoting friendship within our chapter. As VP of Fellowship, I understand the importance of creating an inclusive and welcoming environment for each member of Alpha Kappa, and hope to continue doing so as the Co-VP of Membership.

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 course load for next semester will not be too heavy and will allow me to balance both APO and my class schedule. I am also currently the VP of Professional Developments for the Society of Cosmetic Chemist, which I plan on continuing to be a part of next semester. However, I have been able to balance that position and my APO duties this semester, and believe that I will continue to do so if elected CO-VP of Membership.