Illini Women in Economics Leadership Application
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1. First (Given) Name

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4. Phone Number

5. Year in School
   Sophomore (2nd)

6. Are you currently an Economics student (please mark yes if you are declared within economics, even if you have multiple majors and minors)
   Economics

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8. Expected Graduation Date (Month, Year)
   May 2018

9. Will you be on campus in Fall 2016?
   Yes

10. Position(s) you are applying for:
    1. President
    2. Vice President
       Internal Affairs - Academic / Professional
       Internal Affairs - Social and Special Events
       External Affairs

11. Why do you want to be involved in a WiE in a leadership position? What could you bring to this group with your position?
    I want to be involved in WiE in a leadership position because I have been with Illini Women in Economics since the beginning when we started during the Spring 2015 semester. I have seen how Women in Economics has evolved since its conception and have been an active participant in the Special Project Committee and the other committees I've signed up for, Committee #1 and #3. I worked with Mya and others to develop the new leadership structure and I have many ideas I want to bring to the table. As President or Vice President, I hope to build the Illini Women in Economics group into a community that will help our members thrive socially, academically, and professionally. I understand that, right now, we are a pretty small group and that we will need to evolve as we become bigger. For example, I offered the idea to
restructure the three committees into the two broader categories of Internal Affairs and External Affairs because of the overlapping we had previously. I see WiE as an opportunity to provide different types of resources to the women in our organization. Internally, I would like to have different academic and professional workshops that will develop skills for us to flourish in the outside world. We can create study groups, career and resume consulting, professional workshops to hone leadership and management skills, TA/Professor-led academic seminars similar to TED talks, and many more events. We can also have frequent social events like movie nights to develop camaraderie within the community. Thought-talks are a good idea where, as an economics-interest group, we can explore many current economic issues that will educate us and where we can apply what we learn in school into the real world. Externally, we can host events and invite different alumnae to discuss what life in the professional world is like as a woman, events to recruit people into expanding our organization, and events where we can integrate with other groups like Women in Business or Women in Engineering to collaborate different initiatives. We can have events open to both genders and people outside of WiE so our members can network with different types of people, because in the real world we won’t just be working with women, but with men too. These are just a few of the many ideas I have to get WiE rolling, and I know that until we can recruit more people, we will have to start small. As President or Vice President, I will serve as the go-to person to communicate thoughts and ideas within and between both the internal and external committees. I will manage our organization and make sure that we implement and meet realistic goals to expand our organization and I will coordinate with other executive board members and people in the department to follow through on our efforts.

12. What experience have you had that will help you with this leadership position? Why would you be a good fit?
I have been involved in many organizations, and I have seen what works and what doesn’t work in leading a group. I was Media Coordinator and an Executive Board member of my high schools Asian Cultural Club, where we hosted an annual theatre performance and fundraised money for charity. My job was to coordinate all technological aspects of the show, create promotional videos and posters, and write and direct the performance. In addition, I acted in a main role for two years and participated in dancing numbers of the show throughout my high school experience. In order to put on a successful show, we had to coordinate meetings and rehearsals with the 200 members and performers, make sure people are doing their assigned job, and if need be, reassign roles and positions so that tasks can be done. Being an officer, I had to be strict but fair so that we would get done what we needed to on time; I couldnt be partial to anyone and give unfair leeway to any particular person. I am also an active member of the National Service Fraternity Alpha Phi Omega (APO), with over 400 actives and 200 pledges. In APO, because of its size, we have many different types of committees, leadership positions, directors and committee chairs to execute the goals we have as a service organization. My experience with different leadership structures makes me a good fit because it has given me the transferable skills needed in order to successfully lead and manage a group of people so that we can accomplish our goals. As someone who has also been involved in WiE since the beginning, I have seen what works and what doesn’t work in our organization and have worked with others involved to develop a system that will hopefully be triumphant. I am very passionate about WiE and am very excited to see how we grow.

13. How would you deal with conflict within your group? You can use a past example or make one up.
In an organization with different types of people and personalities, sometimes conflict is inevitable. We all have thoughts and ideas that we want to see executed but sometimes they clash with one another. In the event of a conflict arising, it is
important to handle it calmly and rationally so that we can come up with a compromise and a solution such that we don't risk the outcome of our goals and where everyone can be satisfied. In my experience as Media Coordinator/Executive Board Member, we had situations where people weren't showing up to meetings and rehearsals and weren't upholding their responsibility to the show. These were tricky circumstances because either people had conflicts with other time commitments but still wanted to be a part of the show or they were simply being careless in regards to the responsibility of their role. As an officer, I had to distinguish between the two and come up with a solution without compromising the quality and outcome of our show AND make sure it was a fair solution where we wouldn't be unnecessarily disappointing other show participants. We had to hold everyone to a fair standard so that people who were actually putting in time, effort, and commitment wouldn't feel like they were being cheated when other people were doing less. If I found that someone was being careless, depending on the history of their behavior, they would be offered a second chance, and only one second chance, to fix their situation so that it doesn't happen again. If it was someone who was dedicated but struggling between time commitments, I would make sure that they were given tasks that they can handle, and if need be, redistribute tasks to make it easier on everyone. Afterwards, I would follow up on the people to see of the solution is working for them. As a leader, it is important to 1) assess the circumstance of a conflict, 2) come up with reasonable alternatives and compromises, and lastly, 3) choose a solution AND follow through on the plan to make sure its working.

14. What are some goals you have in mind for WiE for this semester?
My main goal for this semester is to establish an objective for what we want the focus of WiE to be, since we are only in the beginning of our timeline. Like I said before, I see many opportunities to expand and provide resources, especially as an extension of the Economics Department. In order to do this, we need to ask our members and Department colleagues what they want to see come out of WiE, because there are many directions we can take this. Once we do this, we can create feasible goals and adapt them as our organization grows. Personally, I see WiE as a medium of offering different types of resources to promote personal development. With Academic & Professional Development and Social & Special Events as a subset of the Internal Affairs Committee, and Alumae Networking, Recruiting/Social Outreach, and the Special Project Committee as part of the External Affairs Committee, we have the optimal structure for providing outlets of personal development to our members and the Economics community. Combining the previously-mentioned activities we can offer with the ideas of other dedicated members, we can come up with an initiative for what we want to see come out of WiE.

15. Are you involved in other organizations/leadership positions/time commitments this semester?
Yes (please tell us what groups and how much time commitment each requires per week): I am an active member of the national service fraternity Alpha Phi Omega. We have a certain numbers of hours we need to fulfill by the end of the semester to maintain membership (these hours go towards service, leadership, fellowship events, and attending chapter meetings). APO will most likely be 2-3 hours of a time commitment per week. I will complete 2/3 of the requirements by the end of February, so I will be able to allot most of my extracurricular time towards WiE by the time we get rolling, and APO shouldn't interfere with my WiE duties.

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17. Any other comments you would like to add
Again, I am very dedicated and passionate about WiE and I can't wait to see how we will grow as an organization. As only a sophomore, I have plenty of time to put in and see how we grow in the next two years. Additionally, I am a sophomore currently taking 400-level classes with other juniors and seniors in the Econ department so I believe I can provide a unique perspective to my peers on how we can improve in the department, as I hope to be very involved in the future.
Permanent Address:
Campus A~

Academics
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign | College of Liberal Arts and Sciences  Cumulative GPA: 2.73
- Bachelor of Arts in Economics with a minor in Computer Science; expected graduation: May 2018
South Brunswick High School | Monmouth Junction, NJ  Cumulative GPA: 3.91
- Class of 2014; graduated with Honors; AP Scholar; Member of National Honors Society, Spanish Honors Society, and Social Studies Honor Society

Professional Experience
Illini Women in Economics | Founding Member  March 2015 – Present
- Collaborated with academic advisors of the Economics Department to initiate this new organization focused on encouraging the participation of women in economics by offering academic resources and networking opportunities meant to provide a better understanding of the economics discipline
- Redesigned the structure of the organization and its operations by developing leadership positions and designing networking events and meetings
- Recruit students to participate in the organization by planning social events and producing promotional materials i.e. videos, posters, website content
- Member of the “Special Project Committee”, a subset of Illini Women in Economics, tasked with providing project management and investment consulting advice to business clients
  - Gather and analyze current investment portfolio data (including mutual funds), leading to recommendations for socially responsible financial investments managed by firms such as Northern Trust and Bank of America — Merrill Lynch, and works with other members to set up Requests For Proposal processes

Leadership Experience & Additional Activities
Alpha Phi Omega | Alpha Alpha Chapter | Active Member  September 2015-Present
- Volunteer for various service events of different causes that benefit the community, such as Refugee Tutoring, Pet Adoption Days, hawking for Illini football games, and painting sets for the Theatre Department
- Participate in fellowship and leadership events that hone leadership skills and bring chapter members together
- Manage chapter member participation by maintaining meeting attendance and service attendance records
- Aids new pledge-active process by being a “parent” for pledges and giving advice on how to integrate into the chapter and bond with other members

South Brunswick Asian Cultural Club | Media Coordinator & Executive Board  September 2013-June 2014
- Served as a board member and leader of 200+ member club; activities included coordinating weekly meetings, activities, and events
- Organized annual cultural show consisting over acting, dancing, singing and modeling and gathered financial sponsors for the show; proceeds upwards of $8,000 were donated to Alzheimer’s Association
- Oversaw production operations, which included script creation, dance organization, show direction, and musical setup
- Managed technological aspects of the show, including website development and operations, by envisioning and composing marketing materials like videos, posters, and ads, and moderating social media outlets

Special Skills & Areas of Interest
Technical Skills
- Basic programming in Java and Stata
- Proficient in Microsoft Excel, Microsoft PowerPoint, and Microsoft Word. StatPlus. iMovie and GarageBand
Leadership Skills
- Goal-oriented individual with strong interpersonal and effective written/oral communication skills
- Experience in organizing large team events/activities, including presenting and moderating discussions
Interests
- Economics, politics, music, sketching, pop culture, DC Universe, and exploring other cultures
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   As a econ student in UIUC for a year, I have received a lot of help from the department. I always want to contribute my own efforts. Women have their own strength and weakness in economic study and especially after they begin their job. So I want to be involved in the process which help our female students in econ or interested in econ have a more helpful preparation before they enter the society and learn things from there as well. There are three things I can bring to the position of vise president. First, I have experience of working in student organizations. As the secretary of econ club in UIUC, I am really familiar with all the working process of a student organization. More specific, I am really skillful at developing a schedule, keeping notes of meetings, booking rooms and communicating with members through email or other medias. 

am also working on designing the logo of econ club recently, which is also a helpful experience. In addition, I have done a project with a professor in math department where I complete the visualization of financial trading networks using JavaScript. Since I am pursuing a CS minor, I believe I can handle the duty of updating and overseeing social media and website well. Second, my experience of an international student will also help me dealing with events associated with international students. Since we have a large percentage of international students in econ department. As career development chair of Economics Student Development Committee I have a lot of experience working with international students from different countries. Third, I am a junior this year and will be a senior next year. I will done all my econ courses this semester and still have a few math courses to go, so my academic workload will not be that much as before. I can commit a reasonable time organizing meetings and events of iWiE. With all the passion and experience, I believe I am more than capable of achieving what it is that iWiE need.

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Leadership experience As I mentioned before, I am the secretary of econ club this year and I am also the career development chair of Economics Student Development Committee. I have organized and involved in several events associated with econ students held by the above two organizations. I am familiar with the process of a student organization operated and skilled at marketing events through multiple social media.

13. How would you deal with conflict within your group? You can use a past example or make one up.
Conflicts are inevitable in team work. How to deal with them is vital for a team. Suppose I am the leader who face a conflict between team members, there are a few things I will do to minimize the bad impact of the confliction and make use of the confliction to make our team more creative and harmonious. 1. Get the team together and let people fully express their opinions and their reasoning. Also let all the team members discuss the potential impact of different ideas. Communication is very important at this point. 2. Clarify the situation our team face and analyze all the internal and external circumstances including our team limitation and strength. 3. Make an agreement by voting or other ways. But try to make things fair as a leader. Also, even we are at the point that no agreement can be made. As a leader, I will make the decision based on all the above analysis and be ready to all the possible results even failure.

14. What are some goals you have in mind for WiE for this semester?
1. we can have weekly meetings or events 2. iWiE Facebook page can have more than 300 likes 3. we can have our own website and update news and readings weekly 4. we can have more than 50 active members 5. have official connection with at least 20 student organizations

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Yes (please tell us what groups and how much time commitment each requires per week): Econ club 3-4 hours per week

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EDUCATION

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign  May 2017
Bachelor Degree in Mathematics and Economics  GPA: 3.88/4.00
Selected courses: International Finance, Corporate Finance, Econometrics, Economic Statistics

INTERNSHIP EXPERIENCE

Westpac Banking Corporation  Beijing, China  May 2015-July 2015
Finance Intern
- Assisted with filing accounting vouchers and checking invoices
- Edited scrutiny review meeting minutes everyday for two months
- Helped with accounts receivables, payable and bank statement reconciliation
- Helped with the declaration and payment of stamp duty

Simon-Kucher & Partners  Beijing, China  July 2015-August 2015
Consulting Intern
- Participated in research of 2014-2015 consulting performances
- Translated power-pricing related PowerPoint presentations
- Collected more than 500 companies’ contact information of related industries

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Mathematical Contest in Modeling(MCM)  February 2014
Team Leader
- Cooperated with 2 team members to offer a solution using mathematical models
- Analyzed data with SPSS and completed calculations with MATLAB

Peak Sport Marketing Research  September 2014-December 2014
Research Assistant
- Collected secondary data of lifestyle and designed a sports related questionnaire
- Participated in field surveys in 5 different cities and analyzed more than 5000 data
- Provided customer oriented marketing strategies to Peak Sport Products Co. Limited

ACTIVITIES

University of Illinois Economics Student Development Committee  Champaign, IL
Career Development Chair  September 2015-September 2016
- Lead career department
- Come up with and coordinate career-related events targeting economics students (Interview Preparation, Resume Review, Elevator pitch, etc.)

University of Illinois Economics Club  Champaign, IL
Member of Executive Board-Secretary  May 2015-May 2016
- Managed email account, kept track of more than 50 documents that pertain to the club
- Created different types of meetings and activities
- Edited and posted relevant articles on Facebook page

University of Chicago  Chicago, IL
Summer Session  June 2014-August 2014
- Completed Intermediate Microeconomics and Intermediate Macroeconomics

SKILLS
- Computer: Java (Intermediate), R (Intermediate), SPSS (Advanced), JavaScript (Basic), Microsoft Office (Advanced)