PI TAU SIGMA ANNUAL CHAPTER REPORT
2009-2010
California State University Los Angeles Sigma Kappa

A. Initiations

For this academic year, Sigma Kappa has only held one initiation on April 2nd, 2010. Prior to this date, the Sigma Kappa chapter was not active for the past few years. The chapter was reactivated by our lead faculty advisor, Adel Sharif. The requirements in selecting initiates were all initiates must have maintained a 3.0 GPA in three consecutive quarters leading to present, must be in the Mechanical Engineering program, and must have completed at least 1 full academic year at California State University Los Angeles. The ceremony was held on campus in one of the classrooms in the Engineering Department, consisting of a Pi Tau Sigma banner in Greek lettering as well as laminated posters of the national shield and plaque. There were a total of 19 new recruits and 7 faculty advisors. Since the chapter had no immediate cabinet of officers, two faculty advisors were the acting president and vice president in order to read from the Pi Tau Sigma initiation hand book. After the ceremony was over, an election of student officers were administered. The President-Quoc Vinh, Vice President-Christopher Garcia, Treasurer-Andrew Inderabudhi, Secretary-Marco Jakoda, and Webmaster-Adam Dunn.

B. Chapter Activities

Sigma Kappa had their first members only gathering, which we called "Let's Get Together". This was set up by the officers including myself in order to get all the initiates and officers together as to get to know each other a little better, sort of like a meet and greet your brothers and sisters. This event was held on April 16th, 2010 at an off campus location. There was a turnout of approximately 10-12 people, the other members were unable to attend due to work or personal obligations.

On April 23rd, 2010, Sigma Kappa had their first officer meeting to discuss future events, and planning. First item for discussing was creating members only t-shirts and distributing it to members for a minimal costs as to raise funds for Sigma Kappa. Officers decided on design, and color. Their was also a discussing about jackets for the officers only which would be paid out of pocket by each officer. CSULA currently has a MESA program, Mathematics Engineering and Science Achievement, where Sigma Kappa would work through MESA as mentors for high school students and even first year college students whom are interested in Mechanical Engineering. The program is not finalized yet, however Sigma Kappa is in contact with the MESA director. We also came up with a whole list of ideas on how to raise money for our chapter. The list consists of but not limited to book sales, where professors would donate older edition books to Sigma Kappa to sell, off campus BBQ where this event would be open to all for a small fee, and also contacting alumni's for support. Furthermore, bonding events were discussed where members of Sigma Kappa could

get together and just have fun. Possibilities included Dodger nights, and off campus "hang outs" once every couple weeks or so.

These were the only two meetings that were held the quarter of Spring 2010 for Sigma Kappa. The officers had "duties", on top of their heavy class schedule, that were distributed by the President in order to finalize the reactivation of Sigma Kappa. Christopher (VP) and I had to contact ASI and attend their mandatory meetings in order for our organization to have access to campus resources (copies, prints, fax, etc). We also had to request web space from the CSULA which took three to four weeks to complete. Once the Pi Tau Sigma certificates, and membership cards came, I had to distribute them entirely to all members and at the same time collect their shirt sizes for the members only t-shirts. Unfortunately, the last couple weeks of the quarter, the officers were not able to plan any events due to finals, projects, and term papers. However, as of right now the officers are getting together to work on a casting of the Pi Tau Sigma plaque for use for future initiations.