Pi Tau Sigma Annual Chapter Report

2012-2013

University of Connecticut Pi Psi

A. Initiations

In this segment indicate your initiation procedure including selection process, requirements from initiates, initiation ceremony and rituals, and celebration. Include dates and numbers for all initiations held. No need to list names of initiates.

B. Chapter Activities

Include all chapter activities for the academic year. This will involve fundraisers, community services, university projects, etc. Please give sufficient details if the project involved other societies and if so what was your level of participation. To support your statements you may include photos, local paper articles, etc. Discuss your chapter meetings, banquets, convention participation and anything else that your chapter is involved with.

C. Other

Include anything else here that does not fit the above two categories that will strengthen your report.

A. Initiations

During the semester, the program coordinator of the Engineering Undergraduate office sends out a list of eligibles to the chapter president. These eligibles are selected based on the GPA and include the top 33% of seniors and top 25% of juniors. These eligibles are contacted through email and are invited to an information session to find out more about the honor society and our chapter activites. . At the informational session, candidates are briefed on the history of Pi Tau Sigma nationally and the goals of the Pi Psi Chapter at the University of Connecticut. Eligible initiates are invited to the bi annual initiation ceremony, but are not told exactly what the ceremony will involve. For the initiation, they need to bring a mechanical engineering textbook with 3 signatures from mechanical engineering professors as well as a check for the initiation fee. The occasion is business casual and starts with each eligible showing their signed textbook. They are then brought into a dark room, lit only by a candle, with the faculty advisor. Here, the advisor asks the eligible engineering questions which if answered correctly keep the candle lit. After the advisor has stumped the initiate, they return to the room with the others, pays the initiation fee, and signs into a membership book. After all the eligibles have completed this, the president and vice president welcome the initiates into the society by reading their respective passages from the chapter manual. The eligibles are now officially members of Pi Tau Sigma.

There is usually a pizza party and social gathering after the initiation so that the new initiates get to know each other. In the spring, there is a general body meeting held at the same time so that elections can be held for the next year. Initiations were held on November 15, 2012 and April 17, 2013. There was 1 initiate in the fall and 14 initiates in the spring.

B. Chapter Activities

Chapter meetings are held weekly to plan upcoming events and discuss goals for the chapter. Each semester, 5 students volunteered to help with the Engineering Open House and were tour guides for the event. The students were asked to bring groups of parents and students to different stations with demonstrations as well as answer any questions they might have. In February, the chapter hosted a Souper Bowl canned food drive for a local food bank in Willimantic, CT and delivered over 5 crates of food. To increase funds, the chapter held a Krispy Kreme fundraiser at the library before finals week. Lastly, we toured Nypro, Inc., a plastic injection molding company in Massachusetts, to begin our goal to help members realize what type of engineering work they would like to do, in addition to creating great networking opportunities. We invited Phi Sigma Rho, the women's engineering sorority on campus, to join the tour and several women attended. The event was very successful. The chapter president also attended the national convention in Ohio this year.

C. Other