PI TAU SIGMA ANNUAL CHAPTER REPORT

2016-2017

Saint Martin's University Alpha Rho

A. Initiations

For our selection procedure, we made sure that our candidates had a GPA of at least 3.25. Our advisor and officers had a meeting on who we should extend invitations to. This selection committee cross checked with other Saint Martin's faculty members to see if potential candidates held true to the values that Pi Tau Sigma holds. Requirements from initiates include continuing to hold a cumulative GPA of 3.25, 80% meeting attendance, as well as doing their best to find time throughout their course work to help promote Pi Tau Sigma and help to expand its membership numbers at SMU. For initiation, we had a banquet which was attended by numerous faculty members as well as current PTS members. Ritual and ceremony procedures were completed exactly as done in Philadelphia for the National Convention. Initiation for new members was May 10, 2017. There were six people that were inducted.

B. Chapter Activities

Chapter activities for this academic year included a lot of group planning for next year. We felt that we did not have enough active members to complete any huge projects this year so we made plans to hold awards next year for professors outside of the engineering field that help us become more well-rounded engineers. This way more people around the school will know that we exist and plan on expanding. We will also hold several fundraisers with the athletic programs. Since many students spend their free time watching and attending athletic events it will be a great way for people to get to know what we stand for. Our chapter also hopes to participate and help the local Boys & Girls club and to promote engineering with young people. Right now, we have preliminary dates set for the fall of 2017.

We played a huge role with SMU's National Engineering day. We had multiple groups that were a part of our Chapter that participated in showcasing projects as well as leading tours to show visitors our facilities.

We partnered with EWB (Engineers without Borders) for a fundraiser that will go towards a joint project that we are looking to complete by 2019. The topic of the project will be cemented in early September. This event took place on April 19.

The convention was attended by our Vice President (Tim Teipel) and Treasurer (Baker McCullough). The goal of attending this year's convention at Drexel University was to see how other PTS groups conduct meetings and activities. Since we are very young, it has been a big struggle to create a fun and exciting environment for PTS. It was very interesting to learn from other universities that have a huge history and listen to what they do.
They participated in all aspects of the National Convention and even earned an award as the "Social Media Mogul." You can find Tim's twitter handle at @TeamTooPTS.

C. Other

This year was a very important year for the Alpha Rho Chapter. Since we are such a young club

that wants to become more involved and expand. We have done a lot of research and reaching out to other PTS groups around the country to help with our PTS experience at Saint Martin's. The attendance at the National Convention will only prove to be helpful in creating a a great PTS environment at Saint Martin's.