PI TAU SIGMA ANNUAL CHAPTER REPORT

2011-2012

Saint Martin's University Alpha Tau Chapter

A. Initiations

This year the Alpha Tau chapter followed the guidance of the membership section of the chapter guide for the selection of its newest members. First term seniors and juniors were selected from a list provided by the chapter's advisor. Initiates were contacted and given an opportunity to select or decline. For those individuals who accepted they were given an assignment associated with the bent which was turned in an approved by the chair during the initiation dinner. The dinner consisted of a meal provided by the chapter. Additionally, a new tradition was established in which initiates team up and compete in an impromptu engineering task against each other. The end of the dinner concluded with the explanation of PI TAU SIGMA's expectations of its members and the oath to uphold these expectations. All new members were welcomed and congratulated on their outstanding efforts. The first initiation was March of 2012 and the second was completed in May 2012.

B. Chapter Activities

This year has been incredibly difficult since the active chapter consisted of only one member. This was primarily due to circumstances that occurred during selections last year. In spite of that setback I set my goal for the year as reestablishing the active member count. My primary focus during the first initiation was to select as many juniors as possible within the parameters of the chapter guide. I was able to acquire four first term juniors and seniors. I conducted an election and I was very pleased to see that all the newly initiated juniors were very willing to accept the responsibilities. The new chair, Stephen Mullinax, has been very diligent in his duties thus far. He has been collecting money for stoles and cords, preparing for the next initiation for the year as well as meeting with me to give me an update on his status and ask questions. I have made it a point to tell him that I will continue to support him in his duties until I graduate from the university. He has already started formulating ideas for fundraising with his new staff and they are going to reestablish the chapter tutoring sessions for fellow engineering students who are having difficulties with courses that are not covered by the university tutoring center. I have all the confidence in the world that the new leadership will continue to blanket the community with motivated students willing to make a difference.

C. Other

Our program has been around for some time but it has had its ups and downs. Saint Martin's engineering program is coming into some major change this coming year. A new engineering building is being built with a living lab as its basis for design. In addition to that the new dean, Dr. Zella Kahn-Jetter is laying the foundation for a mechanical engineering masters program.

Because of these changes and the opportunities that I have had since coming to the school I would like to continue my support of the program and help Saint Martin's Alpha Tau Chapter maintain its presence. As the outgoing president and at one time the only active member of the chapter I have volunteered to act as an alumni advisor in support of the continued growth of our chapter.