PI TAU SIGMA ANNUAL CHAPTER REPORT

2016-2017

Miami Sigma Upsilon

A. Initiations

On September 9th, we inducted three new undergraduate initiates. The members were selected based on the top 25% for juniors and top 35% for seniors. Selection was made under the supervision of advisor Ines Basalo. Initiation was held in the general purpose conference room. The initiation was conducted by officers Niko Minasola and Ryan Samuels, who read the constitution of Pi Tau Sigma and had the initiates recite the pledge required for initiation. The event was celebrated with pizza.

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B. Chapter Activities

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Several times throughout the year, our chapter hosted tutoring sessions for underclassmen. A few highly qualified Pi Tau Sigma members were present in our general purpose conference room for several hours each session, during which students who had concerns about any of their classes could walk in and receive tutoring. Students in classes such as thermodynamics and fluid mechanics were particularly encouraged to come. This was advertised through email blasts and by having the professors tell their students.

On February 4th, several members of Pi Tau Sigma volunteered at a regional high school science fair. They helped judge the projects and questioned the students about their work.

On February 24th, eight members of our chapter attended the national convention at Drexel University in Philadelphia. Members of our chapter participated in the design competition, attended speakers, and networked with other members of Pi Tau Sigma to strengthen our relationship with other chapters. A few key members also met with the leadership of the Drexel chapter to discuss the challenges they had faced while planning the conference.

On April 3rd, the chapter had a general assembly meeting to elect a new e-board, as well as to talk about end of the year business. The new e-board consists of Mitchell Hamann as president, Wesley Wynn as Vice President, Swati Narasimhan as Treasurer, and Max Rosenfeld as secretary. At this meeting those that attended the national convention gave a report to the rest of the chapter, and parts of the 2018 national convention were discussed. Tentative planning subcommittees were formed for various purposes for the 2018 convention.

C. Other

Our chapter will be hosting the 2018 national convention. Following the April 3rd election of new leadership, planning began for the convention. Since that time, numerous meetings have been held and substantial progress has been made. Key players at the University of Miami have been identified and brought into the planning process. We have space reserved for the convention on February 23-25. We have ample space for activities such as speakers, design competitions, workshops, a career fair, and more. We have made a preliminary schedule and budget, as well as drafting a prioritized list of companies that we plan to contact about sponsoring the event. We have begun constructing the website for the event, and are also negotiating with hotels for the best deal on rooms for attendees from out of town. We have put together a sponsorship prospectus and look to start contacting companies very soon.

Above: UM Pi Tau Sigma Volunteers at the Miami-Dade County Science Fair