PI TAU SIGMA ANNUAL CHAPTER REPORT
2010-2011

Miami Sigma Upsilon

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Goals for 2010-2011

For the 2009-2010 academic year, our goal was to remain in good standing by holding initiations to maintain recruitment. Our chapter also planned to make Pi Tau Sigma more recognizable around the college of engineering by extending our services as academic tutors for lower level fundamental mechanical engineering classes such as thermodynamics, physics, and statics.

Initiations

Members were tapped and initiated in the fall and spring semesters for this academic year. Three graduating seniors were selected for being in the top 20% of the graduating class and eight juniors were selected for being in the top 10% of their class. The three seniors and three juniors were inducted in September and five juniors were inducted in March of this year at which a photograph was taken to display in the designated Pi Tau Sigma section of the mechanical engineering events board. Following initiation was a celebratory dinner with the section advisor, Dr. Wong.

Activities

Tutoring services were organized as planned. All members were required to devote two hours of available tutoring time during finals week from 6-10pm. Finals week was chosen because it is a busy time, and seemed like the best time to get a large turnout for the tutorials. Members would work a designated time slot and students were free to come and go as needed. These tutorials proved helpful since they provided one-on-one tutoring time with the top upperclassmen. Members of the Sigma Upsilon chapter were involved in many events throughout the Engineering Department and were active in other engineering societies, such as ASME, AIAA and SWE, NSBE, and SHPE. Several of the 2010-2011 executive board members of the University of Miami chapter of ASME were Sigma Upsilon members.

Names of New Members

Alexei Bordas, Andrew Carlson, Ben Daniels,
Don Holder, Thomas Hutley, Sean McDowell
Miguel Michelangeli, Michael Viklund,
Thanh Vu
Sean Welsh, Xuyang Zhang

Plans for 2011-2012

The main focus of the chapter for next year will be to achieve Pi Tau Sigma good standing status. This will be accomplished by maintaining recruitment and our attendance at the national convention. Unfortunately due to funding issues, our chapter was unable to attend the national convention this year. A main focus for next year will be fundraising and raising enough money to send the president to represent the Sigma Upsilon chapter at the national convention. For the upcoming year, the chapter also plans to continue to increase its role and visibility

around campus. This will be accomplished by continuing the tradition of holding tutorial sessions for undergraduate MAE students during finals week. We also want to maintain member involvement in various organizations on campus especially engineering societies.

Chapter Officers 2010-2011
President - Nicolas Perilla
Vice President – Evan Asher

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President - Donald Holder
Vice President – Thomas Hutley

Chapter Advisor
Dr. Kau-Fui V. Wong

Reporter
Nicolas Perilla and Donald Holder