PI TAU SIGMA ANNUAL CHAPTER REPORT

2009-2010

U.C. Irvine Alpha Beta

A. Initiations

There are several procedures to complete the Initiation procedures in U.C. Irvine Alpha Beta chapter. First of all is the selection process, which as juniors, the performance of these candidates is within the top fifth of their class and as seniors, the performance of these candidates is within the top 30% of their class. Once the invitations get sent out, an information session will set up within the next week for these interested candidates. During that information session, we would have a general review on the history of the chapter, the qualification and selection of the candidates, initiation requirements and the planned details for each event and requirement. It is also an opportunity for student candidates who are interested in joining to ask any questions or voice any concerns. At the end of the information session, we ask all interested candidates to fill the initiating forms within in one week, which contains their contact information and the payment. There are five events and activity requirements for each candidate to fulfill. Since U.C. Irvine Alpha Beta chapter operates at the quarter system like the most of the U.C. school, we plan to have one event every other week for the candidates. In this way, it would be easier for them to save the date and time to meet up and have more time for officers to meet and coordinate. Once we are done with putting up all the events, candidates who completed all the requirements will move onto the initiation ceremony. The process of initiation ceremony has been a tradition for our chapter. We would hold the initiation at the Friday of the ninth or tenth week on an initiating quarter. During the initiation ceremony, we would meet up around 5 or 5:30pm on Friday, and then send them out on a scavenger hunt on campus. Once they finish finding out the final meet up location from the scavenger hunt, we then would blind fold them and transport them to one of our ritual place for the ceremony with a beautiful mountain sight, lighted candles, and symbol of Pi Tau Sigma. At the ceremony, we will explain to them the history, ritual and objective of our chapter, the significant of our symbol and key, and the meaning of being a Pi Tau Sigma member. At the end of the ceremony, white roses will hand out to each candidate. After the ceremony, we will head out to our reserved restaurant to have the cerebration with our chapter advisor. The place varies every quarter. At the end of the cerebration dinner, certificates, keys, and cards will be handed out to each candidate and pictures will be taken as well by and with all officers and advisors.

Here is our schedule for our Spring 2010 initiating quarter.

Week	Approx Date	Approx Time	Event
1	29-Mar	13:00	Initiate Meeting
	2-Apr	17:00	Money Due
2	9-Apr	11:00	
3	14-Apr	11:30	Pizza Sale

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5	27-Apr	10:00	Company Tour
6	5/8/2010		Park BBQ
7	14-May	18:00	Movie Night
8			
9	28-May	18:00	Initiation
10			
11			
12	10-Jun	18:00	Stole ceremony
	11-Jun	13:00	Display day
	12-Jun	9:00	Commencement

B. Chapter Activities

Our members and initiates participated in special events such as a company tour of Oakley Inc. and Swift Engineering. There was also a Career Night with presentations by alumni in the industry. We ran several pizza sale fundraisers in order to increase funds and awareness of our club. Members volunteered in the annual E-Week BBQ, and members mingled with initiates during our dinner and movie social event. A joint beach bonfire event with other engineering honor societies was organized, such as Tau Beta Pi, Chi Epsilon, Sigma Gamma Tau, etc. Beach bonfire has been a traditional event for all the honor chapters, thus the attendance level is very high. In our chapter, all candidates attended to this event. At the end of the fall and spring quarter an initiation ceremony and dinner was held for the initiates, during which alumni and recognized professors attended. In addition, a stole ceremony to honor the graduating class was held, during which stoles were presented to the graduates.