PI TAU SIGMA ANNUAL CHAPTER REPORT

2013-2014

USL Sigma Alpha - 74
University of Louisiana at Lafayette

A. Initiations

An initiation was held of November 8, 2013 and another one on April 10, 2014. The selection process for both initiations were based upon upon http://www.pitausigma.org/ChapterBusiness/ChapterGuide/upload/Constitution-of-Pi-Tau-Sigma.pdf . For each initiation, a list of all mechanical engineering students with GPA's and credit hours was obtained. All students with GPA's below 3.0 were eliminated from eligibility. Because most UL Lafayette students are not on track for the curriculum, ranking the student's progress was based upon whether the students were either in or had completed Manufacturing Processes (MCHE 365) and Machine Design I (MCHE 467). Using the criteria from the website, students were selected for invitation to join.

Once students were selected, they had to fill out an application which required faculty recommendations as well as the Faculty Sponsor and Student Officers' signatures.

The ceremony was performed per http://www.pitausigma.org/ChapterBusiness/ChapterGuide/upload/RITUALS-OF-PI-TAU-SIGMA.pdf . A total of nine students were initiated in the fall ceremony and four students were initiated in the spring ceremony.

B. Chapter Activities

The chapter has not been active for the last 10 years. This past year PTS sponsored Brown-Bag Lunches where students could meet and talk to representatives from industry, academia, and government. There were a total of four Lunches during the year. Additionally, PTS members volunteered for the Engineering Week activities. A total of 6 members attended the national convention at Texas A&M. This is the first time members from PTS at UL Lafayette have attended the national convention.

C. Other

A new officer corps has been elected and hope to continue the Brown Bag Lunches and are planning to attend the national convention. They are also seeking sponsors in order to defer the cost of attending the convention and are planning to increase PTS's presence on campus by obtaining polo shirts.