PI TAU SIGMA ANNUAL CHAPTER REPORT

2012-2013

USL Sigma Alpha
Univerity of Louisiana at Lafayette

A. Initiations

An initiation was held of November 14, 2013 and another one on April17, 2013. The selection process for the Fall initiation is unknown because there was a change in faculty advisors as of January 2013.

Eligible candidates were selected based upon http://www.pitausigma.org/ChapterBusiness/ChapterGuide/upload/Constitution-of-Pi-Tau-Sigma.pdf . For the spring 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 spring. Approximately ten students and one honorary member was initiated in during the fall 2012 initiation. Because most of the initiates and members were in the midst of exams and projects, celebration was delayed until May 4 which included a potluck picnic that was open to all mechanical engineering students.

B. Chapter Activities

The chapter has not been active for the last 10 years. The new faculty adviser and officers intend to address that issue in the coming year. However, the chapter did hold a Mechanical Engineering Department Potluck celebration at a private home. In the following year numerous activities including lunch-bag seminars and lectures are planned.

C. Other

As previously reported, the PTS chapter at UL Lafayette has largely been inactive. A new faculty advisor was assigned mid-year and a new slate of officers that are intent on reinvigorating the chapter have been elected. The advisor and officers are now exploring ways to contribute to the community.