Pi Tau Sigma Annual Chapter Report
2011-2012
Dayton Delta Nu

A. Initiations

Our initiation procedure begins each semester with our advisor, Dr. Andrew Murray, sending the officers the list of students who meet the criteria to become members of Pi Tau Sigma, as indicated in the by-laws. The officers then narrow the list down by eliminating current members and students set to graduate at the end of the semester. Once all of the candidates are set, emails are sent to congratulate the students on their academic success and let them know that they are able to join the Dayton Delta Nu chapter of Pi Tau Sigma. The officers then hold an informative meeting to talk more about Pi Tau Sigma and answer any questions that potential inductees may have. A couple weeks after the informative meeting, we hold the official induction ceremony.

B. Chapter Activities

The Dayton Delta Nu chapter of Pi Tau Sigma participated in a number of events both on campus and further reaching to engage the current members, spread awareness to potential members and encourage the values and ideals of the organization as a whole. The chapter continued the activities of Freshman mentoring and Professor of the Year Award which have been conducted by the chapter for several years now. Freshman mentoring involves members of the chapter reaching out to Dayton Engineering first year students and providing guidance about a variety of topics such as class schedules, professor recommendations, and study techniques. This event not only aids the underclassmen but familiarizes many with our organization. The Professor of the Year Award is an award given to an outstanding professor within the Mechanical Engineering Department each year. The nominees are chosen by the chapter members and then the senior Mechanical Engineering class votes as to which professor proved to be the most deserving of this title. The professor chosen this year was Dr. Vinod Jain, his name will be added to the plaque displayed in the department office.

To ensure proper organization and involvement of our chapter we felt it was important to stay connected with the greater School of Engineering (SOE) and attended leadership panels with the Dean of the school. It was there that Jim Razzante, Delta Nu chapter president, and Katlyn Lopus, vice president, were able to become aware of enormous leadership opportunity within the SOE. Representing PTS and SOE leaders, we eagerly responded to the Dean's request to chair UD's participation in National Engineering Week as a leader of an engineering organization. By taking on this role, we proudly contributed to the recognition and involvement of PTS within the SOE by leading all of E-Week and coordinating the chapter's sponsoring of a major event of the week. E-Week is a national event that celebrates the engineering profession with friendly competition between Engineering Departments while spreading passion and admiration for engineering as a whole. Specifically to celebrate E-Week at UD, with the help of a small committee, we incorporated and directed over fifteen student organizations to plan several events involving service, engineering mentorship, faculty involvement, networking and physical competitions. As the planning began, we were able to encourage our PTS chapter members to increase participation in E-Week and influence a greater student group. We worked hard to reignite the strong tradition of E-Week at UD where hundreds of students and faculty enthusiastically participated. The leadership gave us the ability to indorse fraternity ideals of friendship, respect and elevation of mind by engaging the entire SOE faculty, staff and students to participate in E-Week and gain a further appreciation of our academic and career focus.

It managed to become a great opportunity to work with the highly intelligent and motivated employees within the office of SOE and the bright and encouraging fellow peer leaders of the other engineering organizations. We are able to ensure success in E-Week for years to come and recognition of PTS on our campus through the hard work and time dedicated to optimize every detail of the week's events.

After having the great privilege of attending the National Conference in San Jose California the executive board was encouraged and eager to share the new information gained with the rest of the organization. The executive board decided to instate two new positions onto the executive board and held elections within a chapter meeting. The new positions added were Secretary, and Event Coordinator. All five executive board positions were nominated, voted upon and instituted during this meeting. Dayton Delta Nu's 2012-13 executive board is as follows: President: Josh Rellinger, Vice President: Brad Lonsway, Treasurer: Solomon Duning, Secretary: Rebekah Tylor, and Event Coordinator: Brian McHugh.

New changes in recruitment were also expanded upon after reviewing with other chapters at the National convention. The addition of sophomore affiliates were instituted and invited into possible affiliation. Although no affiliates were added this term the chapter did receive interest for the future and are excited to see the involvement in the future.