Pi Tau Sigma Annual Chapter Report

2016-2017

Dayton Delta Nu

A. Initiations

Selection into the Dayton Delta Nu chapter of Pi Tau Sigma is based upon a GPA requirement. Juniors and seniors with GPA's in the top 35% of their class qualify for induction into Pi Tau Sigma. Pr. Drew Murray obtains this information from the dean's office of the school of engineering, and forwards the students that qualify to the officers. The officers then contact all of these students, provide them with information on Pi Tau Sigma, and then hold an induction for the students interested in joining. This year, two initiations were held, one for the fall semester and one for the spring semester. The fall initiation was held December 6th, and the spring initiation was held April 18th. Thirteen new members were inducted in the fall initiation, and seven new members were inducted in the spring initiation for a total of twenty new members. For initiation rituals, the officers follow the online Pi Tau Sigma initiation transcript. Initiates are led into a dimly lit room, and the two officers performing the induction read their parts of the transcript, using the props when called upon. After initiation is held, a reception is held to celebrate that will be further detailed in the Chapter Activities section of this report.

B. Chapter Activities

After each initiation, a reception was held to celebrate the new initiates and provide them with an opportunity to meet the current members. The fall reception had a pizza party with new and old members invited. It provided members with an opportunity to meet and network with other students and Pr. Murray. The spring reception was a dinner hosted by Pr. Murray and his wife. They provided a wonderful dinner at their house, and once again provided a great opportunity for new and current members to meet one another and network.

Another responsibility of the Delta Nu chapter was to host an event at the University of Dayton's Engineer's Week celebration. The school holds a series of events in the engineering building throughout the week to help foster a love and interest in engineering. Pi Tau Sigma's event was a Nerf War. A series of Nerf weapons and glasses were purchased for use. Several of the weapons were modified with custom built shafts, and motors for improved firing rates and power. Pi Tau members served as referees for the game, making sure that everyone was safe and playing by the rules. The event saw around fifty students participate in the two hours allotted.

This year the Delta Nu chapter was able to send one member to the national convention in Philadelphia. The convention provided a great networking opportunity, as well as provided interesting lab tours, and engineering based lectures. Our one member was also a vital part of one of the two teams that won the Fusion design challenge.