2017-2018

Rochester Delta Pi

A. Initiations

This year, as in years past, we held 2 initiations, one in the fall and one in the spring. In the fall, we had a great turn out, with 18 new initiates. We continued our tradition of having a celebratory dinner after our ceremony at MacGregors just off campus. In the spring, we had 5 initiates. We had to deviate slightly and have dinner at Love'n Cup due to MacGregors being over booked. In the future, we will be sure to book MacGregors earlier in the semester.

We continued our usual invitation and selection process. In order to be invited, engineers must be in the top percentage of their class: top 10% for 3rd years, top 15% for 4th years, and top 20% for 5th years. Once invited, initiates must fully sand and polish a PTS bent and obtain signatures from all of the ME professors. Our initiation ceremony takes place in Mobil conference room and follows all of the traditional PTS procedures. We then proceeded to get a picture in the atrium outside of Xerox Auditorium.

B. Chapter Activities

This year, the Rochester Delta Pi Chapter continued on with many of its annual events to benefit our members, our department, and the greater community. As in years past, our members volunteered at RIT's career fair both semesters, which involved helping staff set up employer booths and helping recruiters unload their materials. Our volunteer work allows recruiters to ready themselves sooner and our members to network and enhance RIT's reputation. We also continued with our involvement in the department with our student-led tutoring sessions. Before each of the ten core MECE midterms, our chapter hosts a review session. The sessions last two hours and students can walk in, ask questions, and receive additional practice. Among the ten sessions, we had at least 20 members volunteer to run at least one the sessions. This year, the range of students attending was between nine and eighteen for each of the sessions.

For the 3rd year in a row, our chapter also hosted a booth at ImagineRIT. Our booth, "6 Life-Sized Simple Machines", presented history on each machine and allowed hundreds of local children to experience the mechanical advantage of each one. All six machines were built by our members and uodated this year. This year, members vollunteered from 9:00 until 5:00, Our table was one of 438 booths this year, all with the purpose to educate and excite local families about STEM fields.

In order to defray the costs of the national convention and our other events, our chapter continued its fundraising strategy from the previous year. This past fall, we completed our 2nd dodgeball tournament. This tournament, completely organized and run by PTS, is what funds our spring events. Our members participated in the event in various roles, including refereeing games, contacting sponsors, organizing logistics, and even playing on a PTS team. Anyone from

RIT was invited and we specifically encouraged professors to participate in the event. We had both mechanical and computer engineering faculty teams, as well as a dozen student teams. We also successfully involved local businesses as sponsors for the prizes, allowing the top three teams to be awarded t-shirts and gift cards. Overall the tournament was very successful and helped us raise the funds to send 5 members to the Miami convention and to fund our annual pig roast.

To wrap up the year, we continued our traditionof holding the annual PTS Senior Pig Roast. We use a custom recipe to dry rub over 100-lb of pork shoulder and then stay awake overnight to monitor the pork smokers. Through the night, members socialized, studied, watched movies and played video games. The pig roast serves all faculty, staff, and graduating seniors in the Mechanical Engineering department at no charge to those served. Among all these events, we had almost every active member in our chapter participate, 42 in total. Our service and social events are growing each year and we are aiming higher next year with planned kickball and volleyball events with the professors and national convention planning.