FULL ANNUAL CHAPTER REPORT

2019-2020
Boston University Alpha Mu

A. Initiation

On October 24, 2019, the Alpha Mu Chapter at Boston University had the pleasure of initiating 13 new members into Pi Tau Sigma. The chapter's advisor, Professor Rebecca Khurshid, obtained and distributed a list of eligible students to the chapter's officers. Eligibility was based on academic standing (top 25% or above 3.25 GPA), leadership on campus, and scholarship service. New initiates were required to pay a fee of $40, $30 of which were paid to Pi Tau Sigma National Branch, while $10 was collected for food and chapter activities. Initiation took place in a darkened room with the President and Vice-President sharing the history and traditions of Pi Tau Sigma including the Fundamental Principles and Canons, as well as an in-depth description of the coat of arms and emblem of Pi Tau Sigma. Following the initiation procedures, new and current members celebrated with a catered dinner banquet.

B. Chapter Activities

- Bi-weekly E-board meetings: regularly scheduled meetings with chapter officers to discuss logistics, current and future tasks, funding issues, etc.
- September 26, 2019: Fall Information Session – The officers held an information session for eligible prospective initiates to learn more about PTS while enjoying complimentary pizza. Information about the organization and our chapter was given through a PowerPoint presentation followed by a Q&A session between prospective and current members.

- October 24, 2019: Fall Initiation (see above).
- December 14, 2019: Pre-Registration Advising Event – Current PTS members set up a table in a popular engineering study lounge on campus to offer advice to freshmen and sophomore students regarding registration and course selection. Additionally, free coffee and donuts were also offered to students in the study lounge as they studied for their upcoming finals.
- January – February Funding Requests: funding requests submitted to the College of Engineering and Student Activities Office in order to cover conference travel expenses and graduation regalia.
- March 30th, 2020: Scheduled Spring initiation. This event was unfortunately postponed to the Fall of 2020 due to the COVID-19 outbreak.

C. Other

A note regarding the impact of COVID-19 on the Alpha Mu Chapter at Boston University:

This spring semester brought unforeseen challenges and obstacles to our chapter as the novel coronavirus pandemic took hold within our school and surrounding community. With the closure of our campus, all planned PTS events for the Spring semester were cancelled, communications between members and officers became strained, and ongoing funding requests were put on hold. At the current time of writing this, we are still in the process of selecting our officers for the next academic year. Despite all of these challenging circumstances, the Alpha Mu Chapter will endure through these times and rise above the challenges that stand in our way. We will recover the progress that was lost and focus on strengthening our membership and creating new ways for our members to connect and participate in chapter events remotely. I am confident that in the wake of all that has happened, the Alpha Mu Chapter will return stronger than ever before.