Temple Beta Alpha Annual Report 2009-2010
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A. Initiation

In order for students to be accepted and initiated into the Temple's Beta Alpha chapter, they have to have a grade point average (GPA) of 3.20 and no student may have a grade lower than a C or an incomplete class. The student is required to complete a minimum of 15 credit hours.

The initiation ceremony takes place at the end of the semester. This is when all the initiates are welcomed to attend an event hosted by the chapter. At the event, the names of the initiates are called and they are congratulated. They are given a shirt that is designed by the Temple chapter to officially welcome the initiates as part of the honor society.

There was one initiation held in fall 2009 with 12 initiates.

B. Chapter Activities

During 2009-2010 year, a joined effort with other engineering societies within the College of Engineering was needed to create awareness amongst incoming freshman and sophomore students. There was a general consensus within each society that incoming students are not aware of the organizational activities or are too shy to approach the organization. Therefore, with the help of the each organization we came up with events that can be held over the course of the semester that would allow students an atmosphere where they can meet fellow students and faculty. Everyone agreed on having a guest speaker series directed towards undergraduates. These series will focus on research work on and off campus, job market, and graduate schools. There was a high level of participation from our society as we are trying to create awareness about our organization between the students.

All the current members of the Temple chapter are involved with the mentoring program that is held through the engineering department. Each student participating as a mentor is paired with a mentee (incoming freshman or a transfer student). The student is required to keep in touch and meet with their mentees throughout the semester. Also, the members in the society are taking part in the tutoring program held through the engineering department. The students are required to spend time and help a fellow student with any subject they are struggling with.

During chapter meetings we have shifted our focus towards forming a long lasting name for our society within department. Also, our aim is to increase membership for our society. We are working towards encouraging our members to come up with new events or ideas that the society can try. We are also trying to come up with an out reach program. This is where students from the society go out to the high schools in the city and tutor students.