Pi Tau Sigma Annual Chapter Report

2010-2011

Baylor University Beta Beta

A. Initiation
   1. Requirements from Initiates- Potential initiates of the Baylor University Beta Beta chapter of Pi Tau Sigma are selected using the following criteria:
      - Scholarship: upper 25% of Junior mechanical engineering class and upper 33% of Senior mechanical engineering class
      - Good Character: must be shown both in and out of the classroom

      Potential initiates must also exemplify the core values of Baylor University, and must represent Baylor University and the Beta Beta chapter in a positive light at all times.
   2. Selection Process- A list of students is compiled that meet the scholastic standard of Pi Tau Sigma. If any of the faculty sponsors or officers has an objection to one of the students on the list, a discussion is held to determine the cause of the objection. The faculty sponsors have the final authority on removing someone from the list of potential initiates. Once the list is finalized, an e-mail is sent to all of the students on the list, and they are invited to come to an interest meeting for the Beta Beta chapter. The interest meeting explains what Pi Tau Sigma is, what it stands for, when initiation will take place, etc.
   3. Initiation Ceremony – The date of the initiation ceremony is set by the faculty sponsors and the officers. It is usually held in the evening on a day in the second half of the semester, in a lecture hall within the Rogers Engineering Building. The initiates are introduced to all of Pi Tau Sigma's traditions during the initiation ceremony including the core values and the handshake.
   4. Celebration – After each initiation ceremony, dinner is provided for initiates and their guests at a Cheddar's restaurant near campus. Along with the new initiates and their guests, officers as well as current members attend the dinner.
   5. Initiations Held During the 2010-2011 School Year – Two initiations were held on November 21, 2010 and May 1, 2011.

B. Chapter Activities

   The Beta Beta chapter participates in Baylor University's "Steppin Out" program. This program organizes organizations all across campus to spend one Saturday per semester performing community service projects in Waco, TX. The Beta Beta chapter participates in Steppin Out with the Engineering and Computer Science Living and Learning Center. This program allows the Beta Beta chapter and the Baylor School of Engineering as whole to extend goodwill to the community surrounding it.