PI TAU SIGMA ANNUAL CHAPTER REPORT

2014-2015

North Texas Beta Eta

A. Initiations

Fall Initiation Ceremony:

On September 22, 2014, 6 members were inducted for the fall semester initiation ceremony. Chris Vorgert (Vice President) and Michael Stoddard (President) did the proceedings of initiation and afterword's hosted the unveiling of North Texas Beta Eta's Monument along with the department chair, Dr. Tao.

Spring Initiation Ceremony:

First the candidates were led into a room with dimmed lights with their heads down and eyes closed and sat down to face the President and Vice President front and center in which they did the ritual proceedings. After the rituals were read and the initiation was complete, everybody finished the ceremony by singing the "Thermo Song." The total number of initiates for our spring ceremony was 14 individuals; 9 undergraduate juniors and seniors, 5 graduate students, and one honorary initiate (Xiaohua Li)

North Texas Beta Eta Initiation Requirements:

1. The candidates were required to have a minimum of 20 Mechanical Engineering credit hours towards their degree

2. Attained junior status by completing Thermodynamics I

3. The Cutoff Grade Point Average was 3.5 as determined by our Faculty Advisor to satisfy the requirements for juniors and seniors for meeting Pi Tau Sigma's guidelines for initiation criteria

4. Pay National Pi Tau Sigma initiation fee of $30 (Next year, our chapter will include a local chapter initiation fee of $30)

B. Chapter Activities

1. During the summer months of July, we placed the orders for a monument to be placed in the College of Engineering Honor Garden. The officers fabricated the cement base for it to be installed. When it arrived a crane was used to lift the monument and centering pins were used to align it in the ground. Once it was installed, plaque was inserted in the center and the emblem attached on the top.

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2. Directly after the fall initiation ceremony, North Texas Beta Eta hosted our Monument Dedication ceremony with Dr. Tao, our department chair to formally unveil the monument in our Honor Garden. This monument represents our department's commitment to high achievements and joined the other honor societies monuments from the various departments at the College of Engineering.

3. On October 6, 2014, North Texas Beta Eta hosted a speech by Dr. Thomas Smith of Green & Sustainable Services. Dr. Smith is the Chief Technical officer of the company and overview of the company, the various roles of engineers in both the public and private sector, and about the process of becoming a professional engineer. Holly Gage, the treasurer of the organization is credited for bringing this event together.
4. During the month of September 2014, our organization hosted a bowling social evening to engage the new members and get them to know each other.
5. One February 21-23 four of our members attended the Centennial Convention of Pi Tau Sigma at the University of Illinois Urbana Champaign. North Texas Beta Eta had a great time networking with the brightest students from around the nation and enjoyed lectures from prominent speakers specializing in manufacturing technology.

C. Other

Our organization is planning to get involved in lower level undergraduates such as freshman and sophomore to get them excited and motivated to meet requirements for initiation. The previous president and treasurer will be present to support the upcoming officers during the 2015-2016 year.