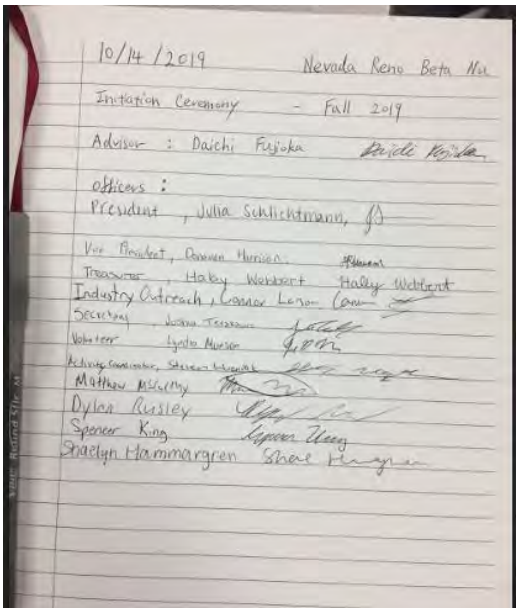
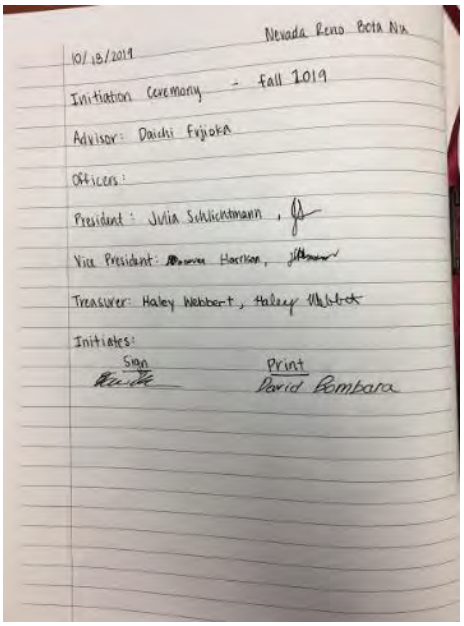
2019-2020
Nevada Reno Beta Nu
A. Initiations

Nevada Reno Beta Nu is still a new chapter and therefore most of our focus goes toward increasing our memberships. As outlined by the Pi Tau Sigma constitution, initiates were selected from a list of mechanical engineering students who are within the top twenty-fifth percentile of the student's respective classification with a grade point of at least 3.25/4.0. An invitation email was sent to all eligible students for an informational session about Pi Tau Sigma. Those expressing interest in joining were initiated. The chapter obtained funding from the Associated Student of the University of Nevada (ASUN), the Engineering Leadership Council (ELC), and the Mechanical Engineering department for initiation fees which were paid to the national office for all initiated students.

The initiation was conducted according to the rituals specified on the Pi Tau Sigma website. The officers chose to follow the traditions described first. The Crest and Insignia of Pi Tau Sigma were displayed via a projector. The new initiates were led into the dimly lit room after which point the President and Vice President followed the initiation proceedings outlined in the booklet. At the conclusion, the secret handshake was shared individually with each student by the current officers. We are trying to integrate our own traditions into the initiation ceremony. At the end of the spring semester initiation we had the new members, with some help from the president and the vice president, sing the thermodynamic song to the current members. This is a tradition we are going to continue to do in future initiations. The fall initiation was held on October 14th and 4 new members were initiated. The make up initiation was held on October 18th at which an additional member was initiated. The spring initiation was held on February 26th and 3 new members were initiated. Everyone was able to attend the first initiation, so a make-up initiation was unnecessary.



Fall 2019 initiation



Nevada Reno Beta Nu

10/18/2019

Initiation Ceremony - Fall 2019

Advisor: Daichi Fujioka

Officers:

President: Julia Schlichtmann,

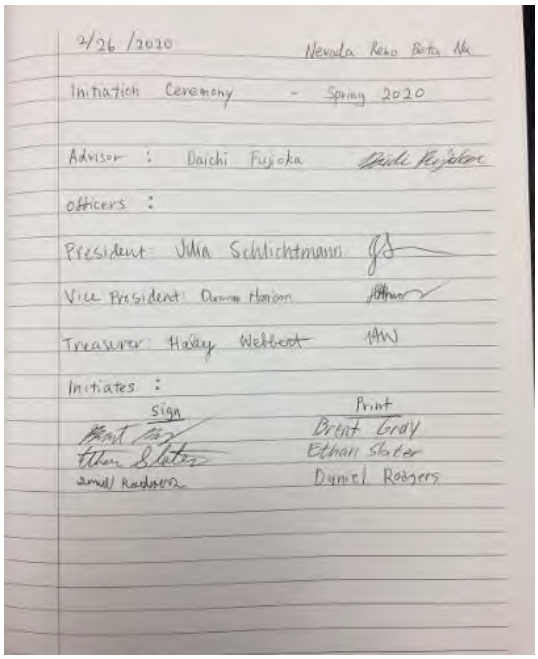
Vice President: Dianna Harrison,

Treasurer: Haley Webbert, Haley Webbert

Initiates:

Sign	Print
	David Bombara

Fall 2019 makeup initiation



2/26/2020 Nevada Reno Beta Nu

Initiation Ceremony - Spring 2020

Advisor: Daichi Fujioka

Officers:

President: Julia Schlichtmann

Vice President: Dianna Harrison

Treasurer: Haley Webbert

Initiates:

Sign	Print
	Brent Gray
	Ethan Slater
	Daniel Rodgers

Spring 2020 Initiation

B. Chapter Activities

Our chapter began hosting and running Fundamental Engineering exam (FE) review sessions this semester. These sessions were held a few times a week during both the fall and spring semesters. We received a lot of positive feedback from the senior mechanical engineering students that attended these sessions.

Our chapter spent some time this semester brainstorming project(s) ideas we can do for our university. A project will give our members technical experience, and it will help in the recruitment process.

Before campus closed due to Covid-19 we were planning on hosting a peer advising session. This session would give underclassmen the opportunity to ask upperclassmen about future classes and how to succeed in these classes. We also planned on holding a Fusion 360 seminar. We plan to host these events next semester.

Each of our members are required to do four volunteer hours per semester. Many of our members satisfied this requirement by helping with FIRST, an after-school robotics program that many local elementary, middle, and high schools participate in. Volunteers help with running the FIRST competitions by making sure teams are at the correct rooms at the right time, helping with check in process, and judging the robots. Other volunteer opportunities that our members participated in include tabling events for the university and assisting the FE session leader.