Purdue Beta

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Goals for 2008-2009

The goals of our chapter for 2008-2009 were to continue to improve the quality and awareness of the services we provide to the mechanical engineering students and to repair our large bronze key which was vandalized.

Activities

Our chapter coordinated many activities to serve the mechanical engineering department, students, and our community this past year. We coordinate department activities such as professor and course evaluations, the Solberg Award for outstanding professors, and the Magoon Award for teaching assistants. Our ME Forum is a chance for students to comment about classes and the curriculum as well as to suggest improvements and for faculty to ask for student feedback about pending changes.

Services to mechanical engineering students are another focus of our chapter. Our chapter coordinated the ME social and picnic with ASME. In addition, we held an ME Trivia Challenge at the social, allowing students and faculty to face off in a friendly competitive atmosphere. Within the Mechanical Engineering building, we maintain an informal lounge to give students a place to work on homework, meet, and get something to eat. In the past year we have expanded our menu to include healthier foods. Test files of engineering courses are sold to students to help in studying for exams. We also award a scholarship to an outstanding sophomore every year. Our members are also asked to provide a list of courses for which they can tutor other ME students. This list is provided to the ME Academic Advisors so they can provide to students as needed.

In the community, our elementary outreach chair organizes a few days to go to area elementary schools to showcase engineering. The showcase teaches students about design and simple physics. Each semester, the pledges organize a service project where they spend a day helping a community organization. This year's service project was a carnival-like event hosted at the local Boys & Girls club as an after-school activity for elementary and middle school students. This event was held one afternoon in both the fall and spring semesters and provided activities such as arts and crafts, inflatable playgrounds, games, and prizes for the students. In addition to the service project, some of our members continue to tutor high school students in their math and science courses.

Graduates

Tim Bond – BP
Reid Gray – BP
Erin Potrzebowski – Chevron
Jeremy Koehler – Graduate School, Michigan
Kyle Erdbruegger – BP
Laura Palac – Schlumberger
Sherry Cheng – General Mills
Kate Hood – BP
Curt Freeman – Exxon Mobil
Steven Renke – Air Products
Sergey Sandler – Arcelor Mittal
Josh Havekost – BP
Andrew Gillman – Graduate School, Michigan
Brad Lothamer – Unknown
Karthik Bharath Kumar – Adani Power PVT LTD, India
Kathleen Albers – GE Aviation
Aalap Dighe – Graduate School, MIT
Adam Tucci – GE Energy
Matt Green – Cameron
Dan Zaksheske – Cameron
Vivian Chou – Graduate School, Texas
Benjamin Baker – Graduate School, Purdue
Ed Koeberlein – Unknown
Matt Adsit – Rockwell Automation
Matt Whittaker – Unknown
Nishath Aranha – Unknown

Awards & Recognition

Purdue Beta - PTS Outstanding Service Award
Purdue Beta - PTS Outstanding Performance Award

Names of New Members

Fall 2008 Pledges

Stephen Caskey	Joe Davies
Bernie Davila	Drew Henderson
Robb Janesheski	Karthik Kumar
Stephen Parkhill	Deepak Pillai
David Poglitsch	Vincent Tandiono
Sid Tekriwal	Harsha Yejju

Spring 2009 Pledges

Mike Liberio	Andrew Lincoln
Brian Pigman	Tim Blatchley
Paul Burgeson	Hendrik Ekowaluyo
Kevin Leslie	Alex Miller
Keith Miller	Minesh Sarda
Yuvraj Singh	May Yen
Fred Landavazo IV	Stephen Musick
Scott Curby	Janet Ferrell

Demi Hutchinson	Elaine Li
Sheng Yang	Stephen Leuck
Evan Herndon	Paul Coyne
Yuan Hung Tai	Steve Gamrat

Transfer of Responsibilities

To make the transfer of responsibilities between subsequent semesters go more smoothly, our organization's network drive was reorganized such that every officer and chair position had a folder and a "what to do" document. At the end of each semester, every position is required to update all of their files that they used and update the information document. Chairs and officers are also asked to schedule a meeting with their predecessor to discuss what their responsibilities will entail.

Plans for 2009-2010

For the coming year, our chapter will focus on continuing to improve the quality and awareness of the services we provide to mechanical engineering students. In addition, innovative ways to gain interest in membership will be looked into in order to maintain high membership totals and to maintain the standard of chapter activity.

Chapter Officers

President	Erin Potrzebowski
Treasurer	Matt Green
Secretary	Reid Gray
VP Actives	Jerad Cole
VP Pledges	Phil Hicks
VP Ind. Relations	Tim Bond
VP Sales	Aalap Dighe

Chapter Advisor

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