Purdue Beta

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Goals for 2007-2008

The goals of our chapter for 2007-2008 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 four-week course at local elementary schools. The course teaches students about design and simple physics, and culminates in the development of a mini solar car, with which the students race each other. 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

Richard Bueler – Chevron
Andrew Martinez – Graduate school, Berkeley
Amy Schellpfeffer – Proctor & Gamble
Eric Bowler – Whirlpool
David Fuss – Siemens
Michael Lawlor – Bosch Powertools
Mark Klein – Unknown
Mary Raver – Cummins
Kurt Moss – NIBCO
Lauren Zimmer – Navy
Eric Kennedy – Graduate School, Purdue
Camilo Betancourt –Bechtel Corporation
Mathew Carroll – Nooter/Eriksen
Brian Witcher – General Electric
Heather Fudge – returning home, Montana
Brandon Munden – Unknown
Bethany Lockwood – Schlumberger
Brandon Berlin – GE Energy
Eddie Bajek – Dynamic Motion Controls, Inc.

Awards & Recognition

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

Names of New Members

Fall 2007 Pledges

Nishanth Aranha	Timothy Gray
David Fuss	Eric Kennedy
Philip Hicks	Jason Lewis
Daniel Zaksheske	Mark Klein
Jerad Cole	Sherry Cheng
Mary Raver	Laura Palac
Kurt Moss	Brandon Munden
Matthew Adsit	Steven Renke

Spring 2008 Pledges

Michael Lawlor	Patrick Ryan
Sergey Sandler	Benjamin Bradley
Adam Tucci	Joshua Havekost
Christopher Brauer	Lauren Zimmer
Aalap Dighe	Kathleen Albers
Kathryn Hood	Vivian Chou
Curt Freeman	

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 2008-2009

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	Rich Bueler
Treasurer	Andrew Martinez
Secretary	Matthew Whittaker
VP Actives	Matt Green
VP Pledges	Camilo Betancourt
VP Ind. Relations	Eric Kennedy
VP Nat. Relations	Tim Bond

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