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Goals for 2007-2008

The goals for this year focused on providing more social and professional opportunities for members; becoming more active in national PTS activities; and providing new and helpful services to the undergraduate body as a whole.

Activities

In the fall, PTS planned and sponsored the first Mechanical Engineering Career Fair, which was attended by roughly 15 companies. This event stood out from other recruiting events on campus because it focused on mechanical engineering in particular, rather than on all the engineering, science and business disciplines at MIT. This event was a great success and many companies remarked that they preferred the more personal atmosphere of our career fair to the larger, campus-wide career fair.

The chapter website was updated at the beginning of the year to be more modern and user-friendly. Additional helpful information about the services that PTS offers to the department was added.

PTS ran the department's first mid-term course evaluations through which course instructors could opt to receive feedback about their teaching half-way through the fall term. This contrasts with the normal evaluation process, which usually only occurs at the end of the semester, when it is too late to make positive changes that will affect the students doing the evaluations. Following a review of this trial run, the department reviewed and approved the mid-term evaluations for future semesters, and it is expected to become part of our department's review process.

For the first time in many years, this chapter sent a member to the PTS National Convention. Following this event, the delegate gave a presentation at one of our group meetings about new practices he had observed as well as new opportunities for members in our chapter to participate on the national scale.

We met and surpassed our fundraising goals this year, through the help of department t-shirt sales and company sponsorship by Vecna. This successful fundraising is what allowed us to attend the Convention and will help support future PTS activities.

The annual Graduate School Info Session was held near the end of the spring semester. As part of this event, PTS gives a presentation to current juniors about how to apply for graduate school, how to format application essays, and advice about fellowship applications. The event also included a question-and-answer session with a panel of professors, admissions staff and seniors who just successfully completed the admissions process. This event was successful and roughly 20 juniors attended.

Finally, PTS held an end-of-year banquet to celebrate the initiation of the new members and to conclude the activities of this year.

Graduates

Michael Allshouse – MIT
Gina Angelosanto – Berkeley
Julie Arsenault – Seattle, WA. (engineering consulting)
Patrick Barragan – MIT
Will Bosworth – MIT
Abby Carey – Washington, D.C.
Jean Chang – plans unknown
Ellen Yi Chen – MIT
Ellann Cohen – plans unknown
Batya Fellman – MIT
Betar Gallant – MIT
Andrew Hurwich – Berkeley
Jessie Jeon – MIT
Laura Martini – Stanford
Ilan Moyer – plans unknown
Dayan Paez – MIT
Benjamin Pope – MIT
Gregory Schroll – University of Colorado
Alex St. Clair – plans unknown
Rob Truax – plans unknown

Names of New Members

Fall 2007 Pledges

Melis Anahtar	Adelaide Calbry-Muzyka
Xiao Wei Chen	Brian Demers
Nancy Diaz	Rangel Dokov
Brian Greviskes	Eric Gilbertson
Doria Holbrook	Esther Hu
Jusleen Karve	Daniel Klenk
Michael Kozlowski	Michelle Lustrino
Jessica Luttkus	Aiko Nakano
Karen Noiva	William Nolan
Adam Paxson	Brooks Reed
Nathaniel Sharpe	Michael Stern
Brad Stronger	Tess Veuthey
Jodie Wu	Yi Fei Wu

Alice Yeh Fiona Yuen
Julia Zimmerman

Spring 2008 Pledges

Chris Dimitriou Emily Li
Kathryn Shroyer

Transfer of Responsibilities

A meeting was held at the end of the year between each outgoing and incoming officer in order to transfer notes and other important materials. Since many of the outgoing officers plan to remain at MIT for graduate school, it is expected that they will continue to be active in the transition process and will offer their help as it is needed throughout the upcoming year.

Plans for 2008-2009

Current plans for the 2008-2009 school year focus on continuing some of the new activities that were introduced this year, including:

- Mechanical Engineering Career Fair
- Midterm Evaluations
- Sending a delegate to the National Convention

PTS would like to expand its tutoring services within the department and to find more ways of soliciting input from the undergraduate body about ways to improve student life within the department.

Additionally, PTS plans to continue to hold its normal annual activities such as the Grad School Info Session and end-of-year banquet for its members.

Chapter Officers

President	Betar Gallant
Vice President	Ellen Yi Chen
Treasurer	Abby Carey
Secretary	Michael Allshouse
Tutoring Chair	Gina Angelosanto

Chapter Advisor

Dr. Thomas Peacock

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