Alabama Pi Omicron Chapter Annual Report 2019-2020

A. Initiations

Alabama's Pi Omicron chapter held one initiation (Fall 2019) this year due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Our initiation ceremony took place on Wednesday November 20th, 2019. Our chapter advisor developed a list of eligible undergraduate students based on the requirements of GPA. Then, a meeting was held with current members to vote on list of candidates. The current members unanimously approved all candidates. Then, the candidates were invited to an informational meeting in which they learned about our local chapter of Pi Tau Sigma as well as the overall organization. At this meeting, the initiates were given a packet with instructions for the next two weeks. They were to collect signatures of all the Mechanical Engineering faculty and staff and wear their polished keys for the two weeks. After the two week initiation period, the initiation ceremony took place on Wednesday November 20. For this, we followed the initiation rituals for the ceremony from the website and lit candles and showed the Pi Tau Sigma insignia and crest. Six new members were initiated, and a makeup ceremony was not help as all initiates were able to attend the ceremony. After the ceremony, all initiates, officers, and the chapter advisors attended a dinner at Olive Garden.

B. Chapter Activities

During the Fall 2019 semester, the Pi Omicron chapter held a career fair mixer with other honor societies at the University of Alabama for other engineering majors. We had five companies attend this mixer, and about 30 students. The event was very successful. This year we also held a meeting in which one of our officers presented on graduate school, specifically, admissions processes and how to procure funding. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the meetings planned for the rest of the Spring semester were cancelled. Officer elections were also conducted via email and a ballot was sent out in an online format.