PI TAU SIGMA ANNUAL CHAPTER REPORT

Academic Year of 2011-2012

Rutgers Tau Iota Chapter

Initiations

Selection:

A month into each semester a list is generated of the top 25% of Juniors and the top 33% of Seniors. These are the only members of the school who are eligible for membership. From this point an email is sent to these individuals making them aware of their candidacy for joining Pi Tau Sigma. After they are all invited to a "Meet and Greet" ceremony where the prospective new initiates and the current members intermingle and get the opportunity to talk about the society. Also at the Meet and Greet a short presentation is given by the Executive Board. The board tries to portray to the candidates the fundamental values that Pi Tau Sigma strives to uphold. Students must go to this meeting to be seriously considered for membership. If a student cannot attend, he/she must fill out a conflict form to justify the absence. After a series of conversations with students and executive board, a meeting is held to see who best embodies the qualifications of Leadership, Service, and Integrity. Those students are then chosen to be members of Pi Tau Sigma.

Requirements:

All interested members must do the following:

- Be in the top 25% of their engineering class
- Attend the "Meet and Greet"
- Respond to emails about society events
- Partake in a short initiation ceremony
- Pay a $50 initiation fee

Initiation Ceremony:

As previously stated all prospective initiates interested in obtaining full membership must partake in an initiation ceremony. Initiates are told to arrive at an assigned room of the campus center at a particular time. Before entering the room, they are met at the door by the secretary and webmaster. At the precise start time,

all of the initiates are together led into the room and are seated. The executive board is seated at a table at the front of the room.

Next, the President and Vice President will read the Pi Tau Sigma pledge to the initiates. The initiates will then be asked a series of questions about following the Pi Tau Sigma code, pledge, and way of life in which they must answer "I (There Name) do swear" in order to be members.

Afterward food and beverages are served.

Initiation Information:

In this Academic Year (2011-2012) Full membership was granted to # students. Two separate initiations were held, one in the Fall of 2011 and another in the spring of 2012. Further details are provided below.

Fall Initiation: November 29, 2011 (16 new members)

Spring Initiation: April 21, 2012 (9 new members)

2011-2012 Officers

President- Edward Khan

External VP- Sarah O'Meara

Internal VP- Luke Glashan

Treasurer- Joe Grossmann

Secretary- Simone Fermin

EGC Representative- Katherine Rhodes

Webmaster- Marco Maia

Elections:

Elections are held at the last general meeting of each semester. Prior to that, the general members are made aware of the vacancies. Each position is elected in the order listed in these Bylaws. Nominations are taken, candidates receive 1 minute to speak and then they are asked to leave the room. Active members, except for the President and Vice-President are allowed to speak on the candidate's behalf before

the vote is taken of the active members. By count of the President and Vice-President, the candidate who receives the most of the active members' votes wins the position. Only one member may be elected to each office. The results are provided below.

2012-2013 Officers:

President- Marco Maia

External VP- Ryan Ragoza

Internal VP- Simone Fermin

Treasurer- Andrew Eric Wang

Secretary- (Will be assigned to an incoming Junior)

EGC Representative- Steven Jung

Webmaster- (Will be assigned to an incoming Junior)

Chapter Activities

Meetings:

Rutgers Tau Iota Chapter has a lot of activities for all of its members as well as the students and faculty of the Mechanical Engineering department. Biweekly meetings were conducted over the course of the school year in order to keep good communication between the officers and its members. Also many different events were held to benefit not only the members of the society but of the engineering community as a whole.

Events:

Below are a few of the most important events that we have held in the past academic year. We have made great strides to continue to grow Pi Tau Sigma here at Rutgers.

Event Title: Trunk or Treat

Date: October 29, 2011

Location: Unity Square, New Brunswick, NJ.

Attendees: PTS Members, and local community.

Description: PTS was proud to attend this community service event called Trunk or Treat. Various organizations attend each year and park their cars in the parking lot at Unity Square, decorate their trunks, and distribute candy to neighborhood children as they trick or treat from trunk to trunk. This is the only opportunity for the children to trick or treat, as it is very unsafe in their surrounding neighborhood. Rutgers Pi Tau Sigma participated by decorating a car trunk and distributing candy to kids. Events such as these are very important to Rutgers PTS, as serving the community is very beneficial to all involved and allows us at the same time to spread word about PTS and the opportunities associated with studying Mechanical Engineering.

Event Title: Speed Networking

Date: December 7, 2011

Location: Rutgers Student Center Multipurpose Room, New Brunswick, NJ

Attendees: Rutgers Alumni Association and PTS members

Description: Networking is an important ability for students to have when entering the professional world. As such, the Rutgers Alumni Association was invited to participate in this event in observation of their members who are very successful in their respective fields and can provide valuable insight into the industry. This event was an opportunity for our members to learn how to network and develop relationships with people in the workplace that can serve as resources later on in their career.

Event Title: Tour of Livingston Solar Farm

Date: February 25, 2012

Location: 6 Berrue Circle, Piscataway, NJ

Attendees: PTS Members

Description: This event was designed to provide members with insight into how the 1.5 Megawatt solar facility is run and how it provides 10% of the annual energy needs of the Livingston campus. The event included a presentation, an overview of

the monitoring system and a tour of the facilities. This provided a useful look into the application of solar power in the industry.

Event Title: Relay for Life

Date: April 13, 2012

Location: Sonny Werblin Recreation Center, Piscataway, NJ

Attendees: PTS Members

Description: Relay for life is a national organization aimed at raising money to help in the fight against cancer. Participants form teams and set a goal to raise a certain amount of money. During the relay, at least one participant from each team is to be walking the track at all times. Overall, this is a fantastic community event and Rutgers PTS was very honored to take part in it.

Event Title: Transition to the Workforce

Date: April 25, 2012

Location: Rutgers Student Center, New Brunswick, NJ

Attendees: Rutgers Alumni and PTS members

Description: We had two Rutgers alumni, one of which is a career coach, come and talk to the members about their experiences about transitioning to the workforce and to answer any questions the students had. This event was a great opportunity for the students to ask questions regarding the change from being a student to a full-time employee.

Other

With four years of activity under our belt, we here at Rutgers, Tau Iota are extremely proud and satisfied with the way our chapter is progressing. However, we are not done yet. We have high expectations for the upcoming year, and cannot wait to try new things that will make Pi Tau Sigma more beneficial, helpful, and fun for its members. Two of our executive board members, Simone Fermin and Marco Maia (former Secretary and Webmaster respectively), are now taking over as Vice President and President of the chapter. Both members were excited to have be a part of the society for the past year, having gained valuable knowledge about the society and ideas about how the chapter is run, are looking forward to implementing new ideas to increase the presence of Pi Tau Sigma at Rutgers University in the upcoming year.