PI TAU SIGMA ANNUAL CHAPTER REPORT
Academic Year of 20010-2011
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 PiTau 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 $40 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 (20010-2011) Full membership was granted to 29 students. Two separate initiations were held, one in the Fall of 2010 and another in the spring of 2011. Further details are provided below.

Fall Initiation: November 29, 2010 (18 new members)

Spring Initiation: April 21, 2011 (11 new members)

20010-2011 Officers
President- Louis Nicastro
External VP- Daniel Hengst
Internal VP- Alaina Renz
Treasurer- Joe Lakawicz
Secretary- Luke Glashan
EGC Representative- Edward Almaria
Webmaster- Edward Khan

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.

2011-2012 Officers:

President- Edward Khan
External VP- Sarah O'Meara
Internal VP- Luke Glashan
Treasurer- Joe Grossmann
Secretary- (Will be assigned to an incoming Jr)
EGC Representative- Katherine Rhodes

Chapter Activities

Meetings:

Rutgers Tau Iota Chapter has a lot of activities for all of its members as well as thestudents 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*:** Interview Skills Workshop
Date: October 21, 2010
Location: Busch Campus Center
Attendees: Open to public
Description: Pi Tau Sigma was proud to host this presentation/ discussion on interview skills, featuring guest speaker Frederick Renz, HR Director of NavAir. Mr. Renz spoke for approximately 45 minutes, providing students with invaluable information about how to successfully attend an interview.

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: Toys R Us Plant Tour
Date: February 18, 2011
Location: Toys R' Us Distribution Center, Flanders, NJ
Attendees: PTS and Industrial Engineering Society members
Description: In response to an invitation by the Industrial Engineering Society at Rutgers, Tau Iota members of Tau Iota joined for a plant tour of the Toys R Us facility. This event provided vital exposure to a professional engineering location, as well as increased connections with other engineering students.

Event Title: Relay for Life
Date: April 8-9, 2011
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: Financial Planning Seminar
Date: April 23, 2011
Location: Engineering Building
Attendees: PTS and AICHE Members
Description: We had representatives of Diamond State Financial Group come and give a talk to graduating seniors about money market accounts, stock markets, loans, CD's etc… This proved to be very beneficial to our members seeing that there is no college course in the Engineering curriculum that outlines personal real life situations this. We hosted the seminar with AICHE and provided food for the attendees.

Other

With two 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, Luke Glashan and Edward Khan (former Secretary and Webmaster respectively), are now taking over as Vice President and President of the chapter. Both members were excited to have attended the national convention in Chicago this year and, having gained valuable knowledge about the society and new ideas from other chapters, are looking forward to implementing these ideas in the upcoming year.