PI TAU SIGMA ANNUAL CHAPTER REPORT
2016-2017
Northeastern University Tau Kappa

A. Initiations

One initiation session was conducted on April 12, 2017. First background information was given about the requirements to join and the kinds of activities members could expect to participate in. Our advisor attended the initiation and spoke for a minute about expectations and available assistance. We read through the provided script and then asked members to provide their contact information and sign the membership book. The minimum GPA required for acceptance into the society was 3.7 for middlers, 3.746 for juniors and 3.58 for seniors. 29 members were initiated.

B. Chapter Activities

Fall

Members volunteered at the Haley House Soup Kitchen from 6:00 to 11:00 PM on Saturday 12/3/2016. Volunteers assisted the soup kitchen with preparing and serving food in addition to cleaning and doing dishes.

Spring

After the fall service event, some volunteers decided to continue support events at the Haley House organization for the spring semester, doing events at their Community Café on the weekends. As per tradition, the Mechanical Engineering Professor of the Year contest was held to commemorate a professor who made a positive impact on students. The student body voted for Andrew Gouldstone, and he was given the award at the end of the Mechanical Engineering capstone presentations. The seniors in the chapter purchased stoles and cords from the organization to show Pi Tau Sigma pride at the graduation ceremony a couple weeks later. The semester culminated with the new member initiation ceremony. A group of about 20 of the top mechanical engineering upperclassmen, and one professor gathered for the event. With the three of our current e-board members graduating, the current e-board saw this as an opportunity to get new members more involved. Elections were held for the positions of treasurer, community service chair, and professional networking chair. In addition to attending the initiation ceremony, the group planned a garbage pick-up service event as another requirement for initiation into the group. The new e-board began meeting before the spring semester to make plans for the coming semester. The group hopes to continue with the events done this year, and continue to increase Tau Kappa chapter's impact on the Mechanical Engineering class.