PI TAU SIGMA ANNUAL CHAPTER REPORT, 2014-2015

MISSOURI EPSILON

GOALS

The primary goals for the year were to increase new member participation through the initiation process, thus increasing new member retention and overall chapter activity and visibility.

NEW MEMBERS

The Missouri Epsilon Chapter of Pi Tau Sigma holds initiations as a high priority. It is our goal to recruit the students who have shown, academically, that they are hard workers and very bright. The initiation criterion at the University of Missouri includes junior or senior standing in the top 25% of the class. Also, honorary members are chosen based on excellence in the field of mechanical engineering. Prior to initiation, prospective members were required to participate in numerous chapter events, which included social events with active members, outreach and public service events, and departmental activities. During the initiation, the history of the chapter was explained and the executive board led the new members through the oath. Before the new members could be initiated they had to turn in national dues. After the ceremony, we celebrated by having dinner so the new members could get acquainted with the group.

Fall 2014	***Spring 2015***
December 4, 2014	April 29, 2015
20 new members	10 new members

ACTIVITIES

The majority of our focus this year was to increase member retention, starting with heavier involvement during the initiation process, and to increase visibility within our department through outreach, volunteering, and fundraising activities.

While increasing group visibility is important, it requires that the members of the group be active and visible as well. Thus, increasing member retention, specifically in the newer members, was deemed a priority. This was done by scheduling numerous volunteering and social activities, which allowed the new members to meet the group in multiple settings. This proved very effective, and the chapter saw record attendance at its later meetings.

Other events which aimed at increasing retention included a BBQ social and participation in rec sports leagues. PTS members participated in flag football and sand volleyball.

Our officer corps attended the 100th annual Pi Tau Sigma National Convention at UIUC this past year. The convention proved to be an invaluable experience, with 3 attendees becoming officers for the upcoming year. Our chapter was also able to network with a guest speaker at the convention who came and spoke about his company at our university, during an information session hosted by our chapter. We also hosted a fundraising event this year, which not only helped our group financially, but helped increase our visibility within our department, and college, as well.

Transfer of Responsibilities

Officer Elections were held late in the spring semester. Two former officers were elected into the president and vice-president positions, while three members who had been initiated that year took the following positions. This year's officer group looks very promising, with a good mixture of veteran members and new members who are ready to continue the activity and expansion of the group outlined by their predecessors.

Plans for 2015 - 2016

In 2013-2014 school year, the new leaders plan to continue trying to inspire involvement and fundraising within the Missouri Epsilon chapter. There are plans to attend next year's convention and also a few fundraising ideas that will benefit the student body as well as our chapter. We plan on implementing new ideas for fundraising rather than reenacting last year's events and creating an alumni database to aid in the area of career opportunities post graduation.

Chapter Officers

Steve Schafer, *President*
Alex Dodd, *Vice President*
Nicholas Moore, *Treasurer*
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