# PI TAU SIGMA ANNUAL CHAPTER REPORT

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Missouri University of Science and Technology Tau Lambda

## A. Initiations

Our initiation process includes the pledges turning in their keys and plaques to be judged. We have them come into the room, sit down and we read off the process of becoming a member and the meaning behind it. We then proceed to blindfold them and lead them throughout the Mechanical Building, leading a trust exercise following each other. We bring them back into the room and explain the meaning behind the crest and key. We then teach them the handshake and congratulate them on their being new members.

Our selection process follows the basic guidelines written in the bylaws. We get a list of everyone that is Junior or Senior status by hours (60 and 90 hours respectively) and then we find the top 25% of Juniors and top 35% of Seniors and round down to the nearest whole number. We then extend an invitation via email to them and invite them to an Invitational BBQ.

The requirements we have set are they must complete 6 hours of service hours that we geared towards the department. We helped edit the Mechanical Engineering Annual Report which is written by the secretaries. We also helped prepare arrangements for and serve food at the Semester Mechanical Engineering Open House. This event was held for interested students in the field of Mechanical or Aerospace Engineering. Also this semester, we had four Pi Tau Sigma members giving new and prospective student tours of the building and the Mechanical Engineering Program. We also polished the Pi Tau Sigma key that is in our entryway to the Mechanical Building. We allowed people to do 2 hours from outside sources, like philanthropy events. We had 10 initiates join in the Fall 2012 and 16 join this Spring semester.

## B. Chapter Activities

One activity that was new at the beginning of the Spring Semester was the Kickoff Bonfire. The officer team knew that to increase involvement and pledge interest, we needed to do something unique and new. So in early February, we held a Bonfire on campus with hot chocolate and s'mores. We also had hay bales to sit on around the fire. Overall, the event was a success in encouraging involvement. During our chapter meetings, we had a professor present upon the importance of graduate school education. This is very useful for the members and they seem to get a lot out of it. We also had several companies come for the meeting, including a Vice President of the oil company Oxydental.

Unfortunately, due to terrible weather conditions, our chapter was unable to attend the National Convention.  This was something that we deeply apologize that we were unable to partake in.