**PI TAU SIGMA ANNUAL CHAPTER REPORT**

2013-2014

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 offered Advising Assistance to the undergraduates, where we sat at a table and tried to offer help. We allowed for initiates to do community service outside of the department as well due to a large group of pledges and lack of service opportunities within the department. We did require at least 1 department service hour which could have included cleaning the Pi Tau Sigma office, advising assistance, or department tours and/or events. We had 13 initiates join in the Fall 2013 and 22 join this Spring 2014 semester.

## B. Chapter Activities

We did Advising Assistance along with the Advising Chair of our department. Many students used this resource and we had high positive feedback. During our chapter meetings, companies of which we have connections with via alumni or current students come and speak about their company as well as give advice on how to become more successful in the Mechanical Engineering field. This is very useful for the members and they seem to get a lot out of it and the Alumni really enjoy it.

Unfortunately, no one from our chapter was able to attend the National Convention this past semester. However, a few members were able to attend the Fall National Convention. This semester we did have extra officer meetings at which we cumulated past semester activities and brainstormed ideas of how to improve Pi Tau Sigma. Some of the proposed new ideas include

- Trying to have at least 1 officer rerun for office to provide a source of experience
- Encourage the current members to attend meetings and interact with pledges to provide a source of encouragement to pledges
- Hold more events sponsored by Pi Tau Sigma to encourage Freshmen and Sophomores in the Mechanical Engineering program to strive to achieve the honor of being invited to join Pi Tau Sigma
- Frequently updating the news television that is inside Toomey Hall announcing said events
- Make available Tshirts for purchase that gets the name of Pi Tau Sigma onto campus
- And many more that are being discussed