2017-2018
Arkansas Tau Upsilon

A. Initiations

The initiation procedure is quite straightforward, most of the work is done by the chapter advisor. After the tenth day of school the advisor makes a request to the academic office and creates a list of eligible mechanical engineering students. Once the list of eligible students has been created the advisor sends the list to the president. The president then calls a meeting and Tau Upsilon officers and members alike go through the list of the eligible candidates. After that list has been solidified, it is sent back to the advisor who sends out an email to the eligible students.

The officers then meet and plan events for the semester. Once the events for the semester have been planned a smoker is held to introduce Pi Tau Sigma to the eligible candidates. At the meeting the candidates are informed of the requirements for induction. To be initiated candidates must attend three events, one social event, one service event and another event of their choice. They must also polish their key and varnish the plaque.

The initiation ceremony and the registration were performed according to the process detailed out under the "**CHAPTER PRESIDENTS' MUST READ NEWS**, CONCERNING REGISTRATION MATTERS" on the pitausigma.org website.

In the fall the Arkansas Tau Upsilon chapter of Pi Tau Sigma initiated only one member on December 12, 2017. During the spring semester ten initiates were initiated on April 18, 2018. There was one inductee who was unable to attend the ceremony and a make-up initiation was held on April 26, 2018 for this member. After each ceremony a celebration was held at Power House, with the exception of the make-up ceremony, where the officers took the initiate to lunch.

B. Chapter Activities

a. Fall Semester
    i. Social Events
        - Brewery Tour at JJ's Beer Garden
        - Board Signing Party
    ii. Service Events
        - Lake Fayetteville Cleanup with University of Arkansas Volunteer Action Center
        - Fayetteville Bike Trail Cleanup
b. Spring Semester
    i. Social Events
        - Board Making Event – learning how to use the laser cutter
        - Brewery Tour at Columbus House Brewery
        - Board Signing Party
    ii. Service Events

- Lake Fayetteville Cleanup

c. Both

i. Meetings

There was two meeting with the entire club, once to decide on the eligible candidates, and the second to sign the boards of the soon to be members.

ii. Banquets

As mentioned in section A, a banquet was held after each initiation ceremony. For the two main initiations the banquet was held at Power House. After the make-up initiation in April, the officers took the new member to Grubs.

C. Other

I feel that the only thing of note is the change in the plaque varnishing process. Previously we had initiates use transfer letters to letter their board, but this spring semester we had them use the laser cutter to etch the appropriate designs onto the board. To encourage them to do it this way we created a new social event in which they could participate.

This picture is of some of the members in attendance at the Lake Fayetteville Clean-up.

This is a picture of the Spring 2018 initiation, including the advisor, officers and newly inducted members. Only one inductee was absent, and he was initiated at a later date.