PI TAU SIGMA ANNUAL CHAPTER REPORT

2013-2014

University of Cincinnati, Cincinnati Eta

A. Initiations

The initiation procedure at the University of Cincinnati (UC) varies slightly from year to year. We have two initiation periods, one in mid fall and one in mid spring. In the fall, a percentage of the pre-juniors, juniors, and seniors are selected based on their GPA. The active members of PTS are then invited to note if any of these students have performed questionable behavior while at UC. If there are any notices of questionable behavior, the attention is brought to our faculty advisor who brings this up with the other faculty. If there are no issues, letters are sent to the students in class or at home and using email. The students then respond if they are interested in joining. The initiation ritual is performed and, time permitting, questions are taken about our past and current activities with our faculty advisor providing the historic parts. Following the initiation, all interested members are invited to a dinner at a local location.

The process is similar in the spring but seniors are not eligible. The percentages of invited members are also adjusted to be consistent with national standards. There were two initiations this year. The fall initiation was held on November 18th and there were three new members. The spring initiation was held on April 4th and there were five new members.

B. Chapter Activities

The main activity of Cincinnati Eta is to setup senior pictures for the Mechanical Engineering Department. This is performed in the spring. Due to our limited number of actives, this, along with providing a channel of communication between the students and faculty, is only major project we do throughout the year. This year, we worked with the faculty and a fellow student to get the department to fund the pictures. This was done because all other departments provide this funding. This was successful.

This year we worked with ASME to schedule a pine wood derby contest for all of engineering. However, due to limited funds, this project was placed on hold.

C. Other

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