Cincinnati Eta Chapter 2018-2019 Full Annual Report

A.) Initiations

2018 Fall Initiation

The selection process for the 2018 Fall initiation consisted of selecting the top 25% of Mechanical Engineering Students that are in the graduating 2019 and 2020 classes respectively based on their cumulative Grade Point Average. The selection processes consisted of sending emails and personal letters to those in good academic standing prior to initiation. Those who responded to accept their bid into membership into Pi Tau Sigma via email were accepted for initiation. The $40 initiation fee was expected of each initiate to become a member of Pi Tau Sigma. Initiation was held on the evening of 11/14/2018 for 7 initiates and 1 honorary initiate. All in attendance consisted of 3 active members (all of them being officers), 1 advisor, and the 8 initiates. The initiation ceremony consisted of displaying a visual PowerPoint in a dimly lit room of the Pi Tau Sigma Code of Arms and Key while the officers read through the Pi Tau Sigma initiation booklet and finally having initiates and officers sign the attendance log at the conclusion of the ceremony. Once the ceremony concluded, initiates and members were invited to the local PF Cheng's to celebrate their initiation into Pi Tau Sigma.

2019 Spring Initiation

The selection process for the 2019 Spring initiation consisted of selecting the top 25% of Mechanical Engineering Students that are in the graduating 2020 and 2021 classes respectively based on their cumulative Grade Point Average. The selection processes consisted of sending personalized mail to the candidate's permanent home address, as well as emails to the candidate's email address a week prior to initiation. Those who responded to accept their bid into membership into Pi Tau Sigma via email was accepted for initiation. The $40 initiation fee was expected of each initiate to become a member of Pi Tau Sigma. Initiation was held on the evening of 2/26/2019 for 4 initiates. All in attendance consisted of 2 active members (both of them being officers), 1 advisor, and the 4 initiates. The initiation ceremony consisted of displaying a visual PowerPoint in a dimly lit room of the Pi Tau Sigma Code of Arms and Key while the officers read through the Pi Tau Sigma initiation booklet and finally having initiates and officers sign the attendance log at the conclusion of the ceremony. Once the ceremony concluded, initiates and members were invited to the local PF Cheng's to celebrate their initiation into Pi Tau Sigma.

B.) Chapter Activities

The University of Cincinnati Chapter Activities that occurred throughout the 2018-2019 academic calendar consisted of planning, executing, and refining the composite pictures for the graduating 2019 Mechanical Engineering Class. This consisted of having the Vice

President of Pi Tau Sigma confirm full funding for the composite picture with the head of the Mechanical Engineering Department. Multiple composite picture dates were selected with the photographer to have the class take individual pictures with students and faculty members. Copies of the composites were sent to the individuals for their choice of composite phot to be placed on the class composite. The final composite was reviewed, compiled, and given to the Mechanical Engineering Class of 2019.

Throughout the duration of the 2018-2019 year, there were a total of 2 meetings that were conducted outside of the regularly scheduled initiations that occurred during the fall and spring semester. The fall semester's meeting consisted of an introduction to the semester to introduce officers, possible events for the 2018-2019 academic year, and an outline of dates and times for initiation.

The spring semester's meeting was held after the spring initiation and consisted of selecting officers for the 2018-2019 academic year. After discussion from the current officers of the 2018-2019 year about their positions and the responsibilities each member holds, nominations and elections were held for the 2018-2019 officers. The following results of the election were as followed: President – Joseph Lehman, Vice-President – Paige Johnson, and Treasurer – Eliana Francis. No other involvement in other student groups were held.

C.) Other

For the 2018-2019 year, an honorary member of the University of Cincinnati Mechanical Engineering Department, who never had the opportunity to join Pi Tau Sigma in his undergraduate career was selected to be an honorary member of Pi Tau Sigma. Professor Jog was selected during the spring 2018 semester to join Pi Tau Sigma as an honorary member, however due to travel, he was unable to attend the spring 2018 initiation, and was initiated with the fall 2018 class.

The Cincinnati Eta chapter's faculty advisor, Dr. Allemang, is in the process of retiring within the next year. During the 2018-2019 school year, the chapter looked for a successor to him and have asked Dr. Jog if he would be willing to be the next faculty advisor for the Cincinnati Eta chapter. Dr. Jog and Dr. Allemang are discussing the responsibilities of being a faculty advisor, so Dr. Jog can make his final decision.