Cincinnati Eta Chapter 2017-2018 Full Annual Report

A.) Initiations

2017 Fall Initiation

The selection process for the 2017 Fall initiation consisted of selecting the top 25% of Mechanical Engineering Students that are in the graduating 2018 and 2019 classes respectively based on their cumulative Grade Point Average. The selection processes consisted of sending emails to those in good academic standing on the 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 11/16/2017 for 2 initiates. All in attendance consisted of 4 active members (3 of them being officers), 1 advisor, and the 2 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.

2018 Spring Initiation

The selection process for the 2018 Spring 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 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 3/28/2018 for 13 initiates. All in attendance consisted of 4 active members (3 of them being officers), 1 advisor, 1 alumni, and the 13 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 Activates that occurred throughout the 2017-2018 academic calendar consisted of planning, executing, and refining the composite pictures for the graduating 2018 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. Three composite pictures 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 2018.

Throughout the duration of the 2017-2018 year, there were a total of 4 meetings that were conducted outside of the regularly scheduled initiations that occurred during the fall and spring semester. The first meeting of the fall semester consisted of an introduction to the semester to introduce officers, and possible events that could encore for the 2017-2018 academic year, and an outline of dates and times for initiation. The second meeting of the academic year was held after the fall initiation to introduce the two new members, and prepare for the upcoming spring academic semester.

The third meeting of the year consisted of letter stuffing initiation invitations to eligible members of the 2019 and 2020 class, while informing the general members the time of initiation, as well as informing seniors that graduation Pi Tau Sigma appeal is available for purchase. The final fourth meeting of the spring semester 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 2017-2018 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- Zach Hase, Vice-President – Akanksh Shetty, and Treasurer – Joseph Lehman. 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 has never had the opportunity to join Pi Tau Sigma, including during their undergraduate course of study will be selected to join 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 will be requested to join Pi Tau Sigma as an honorary member for the Fall 2018 initiation class.