PI TAU SIGMA ANNUAL CHAPTER REPORT

2012-2013

University of Cincinnati Eta Chapter

A. Initiations

The selection process is performed internally. It consists of gathering the academic standings of pre-junior (3rd year students), junior (4th year students), and senior (5th year students), and then for each class the top percentage of each class is taken under consideration for initiation. The candidates are then reviewed by current members to make sure they meet the standards expected as well as by asking appropriate faculty members for input. Once the screening process is complete, invitations are passed in person or mailed to house if not able to be done in person, and candidates receive an electronic copy via email as well. The ceremony consists of one of the active members leading the initiates into a dimly lighted room. The President and Vice President are stationed behind a desk or table. The Crest and Insignia of Pi Tau Sigma are displayed and illuminated such that all initiates can clearly view them via projector. The president and vice president then present go through history or Pi Tau Sigma and what is to be expected upon membership. Following the ceremony, the initiates and current members go out to dinner at local restaurant to celebrate. The fall initiation was held in Late November, and the spring initiation was held at the End of February. At the beginning of the academic year, there were four returning members and going into next year there will be sixteen returning members.

B. Chapter Activities

The focus of this year's activity was to work hard on increasing membership. I believe we did an exceptional job on this front boosting membership from four members up to having sixteen returning members for the start of the next academic year. The chapter also organized the senior composite and senior pictures for the class. Due success of composite, it is being implemented by other programs within the College of Engineering and Applied Science. The chapter also began involvement with mock interviews for underclassmen who are beginning to look for a co-op or internship. It consisted of going over students resume and going through an actual interview providing feedback and critiques from own personal experiences and training. It also provided a way for the chapter to connect with underclassmen and the opportunity to talk a little about whom Pi Tau Sigma is and encourage membership. Each semester, multiple meetings were conducted to go over general business and planning. Members were also asked to participate in various feedback panels alongside faculty members to provide recommendations of improvements in Mechanical Engineering program. This year one of the biggest adjustments was trying to sort out switching from quarters to semesters. It threw off the initiation timing of past years as well as the entire flow of the academic year. The chapter also began planning social events for following academic year that would focus on engaging faculty and students outside the classroom to help build relationships and encourage interaction in a more recreational setting.

C. Other