PI TAU SIGMA CHAPTER REPORT

2016 – 2017

Tennessee Sigma Nu

A. Initiations

This academic year, the Tennessee Sigma Nu Chapter of Pi Tau Sigma welcomed eight new members on December 1, 2016 along with four new members on April 27, 2017. The candidates for initiation were selected through a series of academic measurements. Dr. Chris Wilson received a list of all juniors and seniors by credit hours in the Tennessee Tech University Mechanical Engineering Department. The list is first narrowed to the top 25% of the first semester juniors (61-75 hours), 33% of the second semester juniors (76-90 hours), and 35% of the first semester seniors (91-105 hours). After this step, the initiate list is narrowed to only include those students who have a 3.4 GPA or higher. Next Dr. Wilson checks each remaining candidates' academic history to determine if they are either currently taking, or have taken Thermodynamics I. Finally, the list of candidates is given to the officers. The list is sent to all members of the chapter to allow members to review the list in case of objections to any candidate. No objections were filed in either semester of this year. After the initiates are approved letters are given to the candidates inviting them to the initiate orientation. At orientation the initiates are given a packet of information containing the requirements for initiation. In order to get initiated into Pi Tau Sigma the initiates are required to do 12 hours of service directed by our service chair, attend one social event directed by our social chair, polish the key, and acquire signatures. The initiates must obtain signatures from all initiates and officers, 50% of the active members, and 50% of the ME Faculty. On the night of initiation, the candidates arrive with their polished key and signature list. They are arranged into alphabetical order before entering the initiation room. We follow the national rituals throughout initiation. After initiation we have the last meeting of the semester in which new officers are elected.

B. Chapter Activities

This year, we added a new requirement for active members to encourage them to stay active in the society. To remain active in our chapter current members must participate in the service project decided upon by the officers. In the fall we had all the members group into teams of three to adopt a child for the Project Christmas Child. This is where each team selected an age range and gender of child, and then they built a box of small gifts for that child. Overall we donated over 50 boxes for provide Christmas presents to children in need. In the spring we decided to donate to the TTU Food Pantry to help students and community members in need. We required all members to donate at least one bag of food to the food pantry. This spring we sent six officers to the convention at Drexel.