2018-2019 Academic Year
Rhode Island Sigma Phi

A. Initiations

Our initiation procedure began with the selection process. I received a list upon request from our Faculty Advisor of all eligible candidates that may be inducted into Pi Tau Sigma. Upon reviewing the list of candidates, we reached out to them via email explaining what PTS is, what we are about, and what we do along with the benefits of joining. The requirements that are set for the new initiates is at least a 3.25 GPA, as well as their attendance to the initiation ceremony with their dues. For both semesters, we held an initiation where most members attended, and a second make-up initiation where those that could not attend the regular initiation were given a chance to be inducted as well. For those that expressed interest in joining, we decided on the dates of the initiation, got the roll book from the Faculty Advisor, and then we set a time and place for everyone to meet. Everyone was seated, and then the two officers conducting the initiation read aloud the proceedings from the Pi Tau Sigma chapter booklets, which explained the ethics, meaning of the crest, and also the duties as a member and as an engineer. After this, the initiates were all called upon to respond to what would be asked of them after they would become initiated. They then signed and dated the roll book, handed in their dues, and were congratulated by the two officers. We invited the members to reach out to us, or the Faculty Advisor, for help with anything academic, as well as any direction or assistance we could give them on Pi Tau Sigma, or elsewhere. The dates and numbers of the four ceremonies are as follows:

9 initiated on Tuesday, October 16th, 2018
2 initiated on Thursday, October 18th, 2018 (make-up)
3 initiated on Tuesday, March 19th, 2019
1 initiated on Wednesday, March 20th, 2019 (make-up)

B. Chapter Activities

During the 2018-2019 academic year, the Rhode Island Sigma Phi Chapter of Pi Tau Sigma had a presence at The University of Rhode Island's Open House in the Fall on November 3rd, as well as at Welcome Day on April 27th. At the open house, the mechanical engineering booth had other students that volunteered as well. We talked to prospective students and parents about the program, the school, classes, and also explained what PTS is to help promote the society. At Welcome Day, we spoke with prospective students and parents at the mechanical engineering booth. There were students from the International Engineering Program at URI that also volunteered to help out. These activities were great opportunities to not only promote URI and PTS, but also engage with possible future students and offer guidance on their journeys ahead.

The Faculty Advisor, President, and Vice President had a meeting with next year's President, Vice President, and Treasurer. This meeting was meant to congratulate them on becoming next

year's officers after we held our officer elections, and also introduce them to the specifics of their roles, as well as what their thoughts on next year's chapter operation and activities were.

C. Other

N/A