Pi Tau Sigma Annual Chapter Report

2014-2015

Missouri KC Phi Eta

A. Initiations

Initiates are chosen based on their current cumulative GPA. Junior initiates are selected if their GPA is within the top 25% of their class in the fall semester or top 33% of their class in the spring semester. Senior initiates are selected if their GPA is in the top 35% of their class. Initiates are required to pay $60 for their initiation. Once the initiates have accepted our invitation and paid their dues, they are given a large brass key and a smaller key chain. They are required to bring the brass key to the initiation. At the initiation, initiates are called, one at a time, into a dimly lit room. In this room current members of the Phi Eta chapter of Pi Tau Sigma ask the initiates questions regarding relevant engineering topics. This allows the initiates to demonstrate their worthiness to be called an engineer. Some example questions can be seen here:

Why are manholes round?

Mass is to Force as Inertia is to _____.

Define Entropy.

State Ohm's law.

After the initiates are questioned, they are asked to leave their key in the room and step into the hall. Another member stays outside with them and sorts them as he sees fit. Those initiates that seemed cocky or overly sure of themselves are called back into the room and asked more difficult questions, until they are unable to answer several questions. They are once again sent out of the room. After all initiates have been questioned, they are brought back into the room and the formal initiation ceremony is performed. Following the initiation, food is provided and all present sit down to eat. Fall 2015: 13 students were initiated on Friday, November 13, 2015. Spring 2016: 7 students were initiated on Friday, April 22, 2016.

B. Chapter Activities

The Phi Eta chapter of Pi Tau Sigma provided two hours of tutoring per week to the underclassmen for the duration of the fall and spring semesters. Additionally, during Engineer's Week, the Phi Eta chapter of Pi Tau Sigma partnered with the school's chapter of Tau Beta Pi to present a Matlab workshop covering basic Matlab skills. This year, the Phi Eta chapter of Pi Tau Sigma was represented by three members at the national convention.

C. Other

There is nothing else to report.