PI TAU SIGMA ANNUAL CHAPTER REPORT
2011 -2012
Boston University Alpha Mu

A. Initiations

Candidates for initiation are selected from the junior and senior classes based on the percentage requirements outlined in the Pi Tau Sigma Constitution and Bylaws. Potential candidates are then reviewed by the chapter's executive board and faculty advisor on the basis of personality and academic integrity. The Boston University Alpha Mu chapter requires no other prerequisites from candidates other than those prescribed by the national organization. Candidates are inducted following the PTS standard initiation ceremony and rituals. The executive board instructs the inductees of the ritual and history of Pi Tau Sigma in a formal setting. Following the initiation, the initiates and current members mingled and were served a dinner of pizza and soda provided by the chapter. The fall initiation was held on November 16th, 2011 and inducted 14 members. The spring initiation was held on April 2th, 2012 and inducted 6 members.

B. Activities

In the fall, our chapter hosted an annual Junior Pizza Social. This event was designed to get junior mechanical engineers together at one time so that they could converse with their mechanical engineering classmates, and ask some seniors who were present about junior and senior level classes, professors, and electives. Since all disciplines of engineering at Boston University typically share classes the first two years of prerequisite classes, the fall of junior year is the first time that many mechanical engineers take the mechanical-specific classes and the first time they have classes with all their junior ME colleagues. Pizza and soda dinner was provided. This event turned out very successful as there have been recent changes in the ME department at BU and there were many questions the juniors had about concentrations and other topics.

In the spring, PTS also hosted two separate events during Engineers Week in February. A Nintendo Wii tournament was held and members and other students. Everyone who entered the free competition was given a chance to get a high score on 3 Wii Sports games and the winner of each game one a gift card to the location of their choice. Pizza and soda were also provided for the participants at the event. The second event was a new one for our chapter. The event was an egg drop competition. We had about 15 entries to the competition where students could bring an egg drop contraption built at home, or make one with some recycled supplies we had collected. The BU newspaper/website covered the event in their story for E-week (http://www.bu.edu/me/2012/02/27/egg-drop-contest-kicked-off-e-week-2012/). The eggs were dropped out the 4th floor window of the engineering building. Gift cards (sponsored by PTS) were awarded to the entry that was the best engineering design, the lightest design, and the most creative design. This turned out to be a very successful event that will be repeated in the future. The secretary of the junior class, Merinda Nugent, also attended the 2012 National Convention in San Jose, CA.