PI TAU SIGMA ANNUAL CHAPTER REPORT

2016-2017

Boston University Alpha Mu

A. Initiations

The chapter's advisor, Prof. Harold Park gave a list of eligible students' names to the E-board. Students in the top 20% of their class were considered eligible, so minimum GPA changed based on class year, but for both Juniors and Seniors admitted, minimum GPA was above 3.50. Members were required to pay an induction fee of $40, $30 of which were paid to Pi Tau Sigma National Branch, while $10 was collected for chapter activities. Inductions took place in a darkened room, with the President and Vice-President sharing the history and traditions of Pi Tau Sigma with the members being inducted. These included the Fundamental Principles and Canons, as well as an in-depth description of the coat of arms and emblem of Pi Tau Sigma. Afterwards, new and current members celebrated with a catered banquet and games to allow new and old members to get to know one another.
Fall Initiation: November 1, 2016 - 7 new members
Spring Initiation: April 11, 2017 - 5 new members

B. Chapter Activities

- Every Wednesday: E-board Meeting
  - Meetings covered logistics, current & future tasks, funding issues, etc.
- September-February - Funding requests to attend national conference.
  - Funding was requested from multiple sources, including the College of Engineering and the Student Activities Office.
- October 11, 2016 - Fall Info Session
  - The E-board served up pizza and gave new members information about the chapter and Pi Tau Sigma as a whole through a PowerPoint presentation. A question and answer session followed, as well as some icebreakers to get to know prospective members.
- November 1, 2016 - Fall Initiation
  - Please see *Initiations* section for details.
- December - Pre-Final Study Break/Movie Night
  - As a relaxing break between the end of the semester and the beginning of Final Exams, the chapter screened *Interstellar*, as a captivating, futuristic, if not completely realistic movie about an engineer. Snacks and drinks were also served.

- January 2017 - Competition for PTS-ASME Award for Women in Engineering Nomination
  - A competition was announced and conducted for members to nominate a deserving female alumna for the PTS-ASME Award for Women in Engineering. Elisabeth Han's nomination of Evangelia Kostopoulos was ultimately selected and submitted.
- February 10, 2017 - College of Engineering Corporate Leader Student Networking Event
  - A networking event with several companies, including Raytheon and GE was conducted in association with other Engineering Honor Societies at Boston University. Exclusively engineering honors society members were invited to attend.
- March 21, 2017 - Spring Info Session
  - The E-board served up pizza and gave new members information about the chapter and Pi Tau Sigma as a whole through a PowerPoint presentation. A question and answer session followed, as well as some icebreakers to get to know prospective members.
- April 11, 2017 - Spring Induction & General Meeting
  - Please see *Initiations* section for Induction details. After this Spring Induction, a General Meeting was also held, electing the E-board of the following year and conducting some crowdsourcing about the future directions of the chapter.
- April-May 2017 - Cord & Stole Ordering
  - Graduating Senior members could order cords and stoles to wear during graduation.

C. Other

No other details were deemed necessary to include in the annual report.