PI TAU SIGMA ANNUAL CHAPTER REPORT
2012-2013
University of Kansas Psi

A. Initiations

Mechanical engineering students in the top 25% of the junior class and top 33% of the senior class were invited to join Pi Tau Sigma (PTS). Initiates are required to complete an associate notebook that includes: Pi Tau Sigma on the cover sheet, a complete PTS information sheet regarding the national organization and local chapter, signatures from all professors and staff members in the mechanical engineering department, and a one-page essay describing the qualities of a leader. Initiates were required to turn the documents in prior to the formal initiation.

Each initiate is escorted to a darkened room where the PTS symbol is illuminated on a desk. The initiate is asked to take a seat at the desk. PTS professors and officers are seated in the room, unseen by the initiate. The initiate was asked to state their name before the PTS professors and officers begin questioning. Questions are primarily related to PTS history and facts, University of Kansas facts, and fundamental engineering theories. The initiate was then asked to leave the room until all initiates were through the individual portion of the initiation. All initiates were then presented with the Rituals of Pi Tau Sigma. All initiates, PTS professors, and PTS officers signed the PTS book. A celebratory dinner followed.

B. Chapter Activities

The Kansas Psi chapter organized an advising program for underclassman mechanical engineering students seeking help in choosing their courses inside and outside of the KU Department of Mechanical Engineering. The department office advertised the program to all underclassman mechanical engineering students, and those interested attended a session where PTS members were present to answer their questions regarding classes.

C. Other

1. Leadership Team

The Kansas Psi chapter's leadership team is as follows:

- President: RJ Zeiler, rjzeiler21@ku.edu
- Vice President: Andrew Lichter, a954l846@ku.edu
- Treasurer: Robert Devine, robdevine@ku.edu

2. Future Plans

To enhance growth and involvement at the University of Kansas and the mechanical engineering community, the chapter plans to continue our advising assistance program in the Fall 2013 semester. Furthermore, a tutoring program for mechanical engineering students similar to that held in the past is in the works.