Pi Tau Sigma Annual Chapter Report

2016-2017

Alabama Delta Upsilon Chapter

A. Initiations

Undergraduate members were chosen from students in a mechanical engineering curriculum at the University of Alabama in Huntsville on a basis of sound engineering ability, scholarship and service, leadership, integrity, and were selected from the junior and senior classes, or their equivalents, as defined by the administration of the College of Engineering and the Department of Mechanical Engineering. To be considered for election to undergraduate membership, a student's grade point average must be greater or equal than 3.25/4.0. Election of undergraduate members was done so that the maximum number of undergraduate members in each respective classification did exceed the percentage of the entire class as described later on. The eligible group for first term juniors was the upper 25% and the maximum members allowed percentage wise is 17%. The eligible group for last term juniors was 33% and the maximum percentage of members was 25%. First term seniors are eligible if they are in the top 35% of their class and allowed to take up a maximum of 33% of the member population. Student grade information was sent to our advisor through University of Alabama in Huntsville Office of Academic Affairs. The advisor filtered through the grades and separated students
based on credit hours to determine class standing. Using the criteria above, GPA was ranked from highest to lowest and initiates were picked from each class. Furthermore, the rankings were compared to previous year's initiates in order to avoid contacting students already a member of Pi Tau Sigma. Chosen initiates were sent an email congratulating them on being eligible and selected. Students were also asked for a profile picture for social media and primary non-UAH email in order to be contacted about initiation ceremonies. Those who responded were invited to the Pi Tau Sigma initiation ceremony and those who could not attend were given the option to attend the make-up ceremony. After the ceremony, initiates took a survey to provide basic information about themselves for the chapter. For fall of 2016, no new inductees were initiated. For spring 2017, the main initiation ceremony was held on April 26th, 2017 while the makeup ceremony was held on May 4th, 2017. A total of 10 initiates were inducted in the spring of 2017 and the lowest GPA selected was a 3.296/4.0. For the induction ceremony, Pi Tau Sigma rituals were followed. No formal celebration was conducted after the ceremony took place.

B. Chapter Activities

Starting from scratch, the Alabama Delta Upsilon chapter contacted other Pi Tau Sigma chapters in Alabama in order to find information on their chapter activities, initiation ceremonies, and community work. From the information collected, a plan was created and sent to UAH's College of Engineering, asking for financial support to fund our proposed social events for the 2017 and 2018 semesters. Furthermore, our advisor and two students from the Alabama Delta Upsilon chapter attended and participated in the Pi Tau Sigma 2017 National Convention at Drexel University in Pennsylvania. An officer election

meeting was held after the spring initiation ceremony on April 26th, 2017. The list of new officers include; President: Peyton Cornett, Vice- President: Tyler Boland, Treasurer: Alex McMullin, Activities Coordinator: Sayeh Naderian. Three officer meetings have been held to discuss future chapter activities for the fall of 2017.

C. Other

No other information.