PI TAU SIGMA ANNUAL CHAPTER REPORT

2012-2013

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A. Initiation

Our initiation process started by determining which students would be eligible to be a Pi Tau Sigma Initiate. This involved obtaining a list from the college of Junior in the top 25% and seniors in the top 33% of their respective classes. Each candidate was invited to attend one of our chapter meetings to get a feel for what PTS is about and involved with. Candidates who attended the meeting were invited to join. Initiation was held on November 13, 2012. 6 new members were inducted. Unfortunately, there were no new initiates for the Spring semester

B. Chapter Activities

There were two main activities hosted this year. During the Fall semester, we hosted a power plant tour of the Umass Power Plant. This tour sparked discussion of other facilities that involved mechanical engineering and are not limited to the UMass campus. the second activity was a fundraising event involving selling "Umass Engineering" bumper stickers. Our Vice president took the initiative and designed/ordered the bumper stickers. A potential third event was presented to us for future undertaking. it involves volunteering at a local High school located 20 minutes from the Umass campus. The idea was to get high school students involved and interested in engineering. however, we could not secure enough volunteers due to time constraints. This activity was discussed with the new e-board members as a potential activity for the upcoming academic school year.

The chapter also participated in Umass College of Engineering open house days, welcoming incoming freshman and spreading word of our existence.

Chapter meetings were held on a monthly basis due to low member count. As this chapter was only restarted two years ago, we are still working on gaining recognition amongst the students in the Mechanical Engineering department.