PI TAU SIGMA FULL ANNUAL CHAPTER REPORT

2018-2019

University of Massachusetts, Amherst Phi Theta

A. Initiations

In order for new members to be initiated into Pi Tau Sigma a selection process was conducted in accordance with the guidelines specified on the Pi Tau Sigma website. At the beginning of the semester the president of our chapter (Martin Mija) reached out to our advisor (Professor Stephen Nonnenmann) and obtained a list of all the eligible undergraduate students. This was based off of the GPA data for each respective student based on the following criteria: student must rank in the top twenty-five percentile of their graduating class and have a GPA greater than 3.25/4.0. Once this list was compiled the President (Martin Mija) and Vice President (Robert Long) decided which students would be suitable candidates, and an email was sent out for an information session about the history, goals, and objectives of the Phi Theta chapter. Due to low interest an initiation ceremony was not held for the Fall 2018 semester. During the Spring 2019 semester an initiation ceremony was held on February 28, 2019 for 7 members of the class of 2020, and a makeup initiation ceremony was held on March 7, 2019 for 1 other member of the class of 2020. The initiates paid the $35 fee that is due to the national chapter, and at the initiation ceremony pizza and soft drinks were provided to the students. The rituals listed in the "Rituals of Pi Tau Sigma" booklet were followed and read to all of the initiates, and each initiate proceeded to sign the log book once they paid their fee.

B. Chapter Activities

Due to low interest unfortunately the Phi Theta chapter did not participate in any official activities during the 2018-2019 school year.

C. Other

Although Phi Theta did not have any official events for the 2018-2019 school year eight eager members of the class of 2020 were initiated, and they are looking forward to hosting more events for the following school year. A "family feud" game night between students and faculty is a possibility for one of the events which will hopefully gage more interest in the society. The society next year will also have a President, Vice President, and Treasurer.