PI TUA SIGMA ANNUAL CHAPTER REPORT

2010-2011

California State University Fresno Beta Gamma

A. Initiations

At the beginning of the fall and spring semesters, candidates within the top 25% of the junior class and 35% of the senior class where invited to pledge for membership. Students wishing to pledge where then required to attend informational meetings, at least one social event, and were also required to complete approximately 5 hours of community service at an event sponsored by our local chapter. Pledges were also required to introduce themselves and obtain the signatures of all of the department professors as well as all of the current officers and at least 5 non-officer members. Initiates were then finally tasked with polishing a Pi Tau Sigma key and mounting it onto a decorated plaque. Pledges meeting all requirements were then inducted into our local chapter in a ceremony at the end of the semester. The initiation ceremony was conducted in a conference room on campus where the President and Vice president read through the Pi Tau Sigma induction script with the Pi Tau Sigma flag and symbol displayed in the background. Initiates were asked to reply to the appropriate queues in the script, including the pledge to uphold the American Society of Mechanical Engineering code of ethics and also a pledge to uphold the standards expected of a Pi Tau Sigma engineer. Candidates were then instructed how to perform the official Pi Tau Sigma handshake, were pinned with the Pi Tau Sigma seal, and were asked to sign the member book. General body elections for all officer positions then took place at the commencement of the ceremony where all new initiates where encouraged to run for officer positions. Subsequent to the initiation ceremony and officer elections, all new initiates were then acknowledged at an honors banquet recognizing all on campus engineering honors societies. The fall initiation ceremony took place on December 9, 2010 where 19 new members were inducted, and the spring initiation ceremony took place on May 13, 2011 where 5 new members were inducted.

B. Chapter Activities

Social and community service events were organized for members and candidates in both the fall and spring semesters. During the fall semester, our candidate social event consisted of a scavenger hunt around a local shopping center where candidates where split into groups and prizes were provided for the winning teams. The Pi Tau Sigma sponsored community service events for the fall semester included “Make A Difference Day” and also the Central California Engineering Design Competition at Willow International. The “Make A Difference Day” event was coordinated by the Richter Center Office (part of CSU Fresno). Two community service projects were performed during “Make A Difference Day”, and both of which had approximately 10 Pi Tau Sigma candidates in attendance. The first took place at McKenzie Table Mountain, and entailed clearing trails under the direction of Sierra Foothill Conservancy. The second took

place at Rotary Storyland Park and consisted of doing general maintenance for the park. The third community service event, the Central California Engineering Design Competition, was a design competition for underclassmen in introductory design courses. That year, the design challenge was to make a small wind-powered vehicle. Pi Tau Sigma members and candidates served as judges for the competition.

During the spring semester, our pledges participated in a team oriented game of Frisbee to fulfill their social event requirement. Similarly, our first member event took place during the spring semester where all active members were invited to a pot luck event on campus. The Pi Tau Sigma sponsored community service event for the spring semester involved participating in an on campus MESA (Mathematics Engineering Science Achievement) event. The event was organized by the on campus Fresno State MESA department and consisted of various student design competitions being performed by students ranging from the elementary to high school level. Pi Tau Sigma volunteers at this event served as judges and activity supervisors.