PI TUA SIGMA ANNUAL CHAPTER REPORT

2011-2012

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 2, 2011 where 5 new members were inducted, and the spring initiation ceremony took place on May 11, 2012 where 8 new members were inducted, one of which is a new advisor.

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 the officers hosted a game night. All of the candidates were in attendance, as well as all the officers and some previously inducted members. The candidates had a couple of options for their community service. One of the events was Mathematics, Engineering & Science Achievement (MESA) Saturday academies. MESA has the candidates working with junior high and high school students, teaching them and participating in engineering based projects. Another option was for the candidates to participate at the ME-1 competition. We also had one student participate in Buchanan High School's robotic team, helping them build, program their robot. Lastly the last community event available to the candidates was Make A Difference day.

During the spring semester, our pledges participated in a team oriented game night to fulfill their social event requirement, which also was our member event. The game night was a fantastic event, which allowed current members to meet the candidates as well as have fun and have dinner provided. If the members and candidates couldn't attend the game night, a evening at Skywalk was planned. Skywalk is an indoor trampoline facility, with dodgeball. 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.