PI TAU SIGMA ANNUAL CHAPTER REPORT

2019-2020

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A. Initiates

This academic year presented some unique challenges to the officers of the Fresno Beta Gamma chapter, but despite this we were able to hold two successful initiations with their own unique requirements.

Selection Process: For our selection process, we were given a list of the top 25% of credited Juniors and 35% of credited Seniors in the FSU mechanical engineering program. These students were then sent an email at the beginning of the semester to notify them of their qualifications and that they are invited to initiate.

Initiation requirements: This is where we took different paths for the initiation requirements of our members. For the 2019 Fall semester, initiates were required to attend at least 2 of our PTS social events, our scavenger hunt, complete 8 hours of community service, submit a completed resume, collect signatures from all 10 of our mechanical engineering professors, and polish and mount the brass key to a wooden plaque. Finally, our initiates had to attend our initiation ceremony. Due to complications with transition from on campus to online classes earlier this year, there was no possibility to perform the same requirements. Therefore, for the Spring 2020 semester, the initiates were only required to submit a 1-page typed response about how the PTS virtues of Integrity, Service, and Leadership applied to their future engineering careers. They were then required to attend our online initiation.

Initiation: First, initiation fees and plaques were collected from all the initiates. Next, the initiates were blindfolded and lead around campus by our officer team, and finally arriving at the initiation room. For the initiation ceremony, two officers sat at the end of a long table in a dark room and read the parts of the initiation script by lamp light. Upon completion of the initiation, new officers were elected. For the 2020 Spring semester, our online ceremony consisted of the reading of the different parts of the initiation script by our officers, and an election following the completion of initiation.

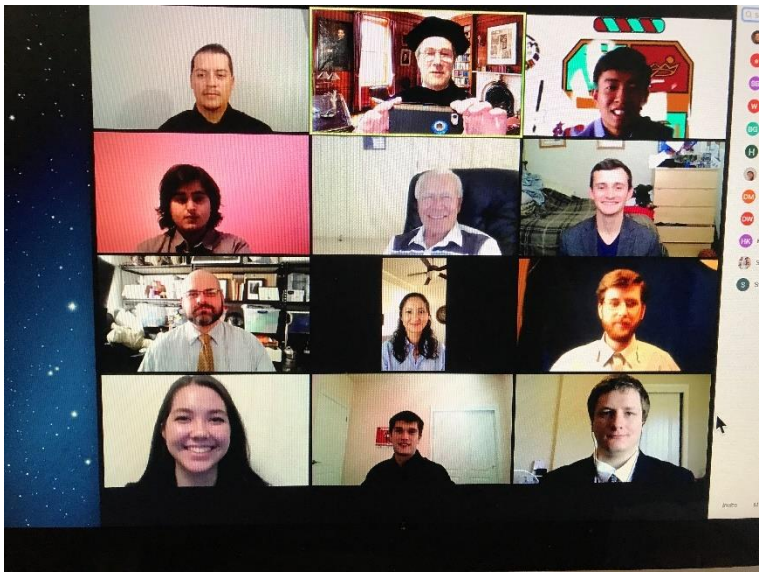
In total, we initiated 4 people for Fall 2019, and 4 people for the Spring 2020 Semester.

B. Chapter Activities

Fall 2019 showed our chapters versatility while planning events. We held a wide variety of events for our Initiates, from community service opportunities to socials, which allowed us to create a welcoming atmosphere for our chapter. For our social events, our chapter put on game

nights, morning donut socials, study nights, movie nights, and our annual bbq scavenger hunt at a local park. At this scavenger hunt, our initiates were tasked with finding different landmarks around our large local park. The first initiate to complete it is crowned the champion and gets bragging rights for the rest of the semester. It is at this event were we also distribute our keys which the initiates will polish before their initiation. For our community service events, our initiates were invited to participate in MESA days, a local stem competition geared towards teaching elementary and middle school students about Math, Engineering, and Science. Additionally, some of our initiates participated in other outside community service events to meet their service requirement.

Spring 2020 presented a new set of challenges for recruiting initiates due to COVID-19. Our chapter was planning on distributing paper letters signed by our department leader, but we were cut short of our goal due to the entire campus being sent home by the University. Additionally, most of our planned online social events fell through from lack of response from initiates. Despite this, we were still able to reach out successfully to 4 initiates by the end of the year and we initiated them into our chapter this last May. Additionally, one of our officers, Spike Roseman, was able to attend the 2020 Pi Tau Sigma National Conference.



Our Online initiation for Spring 2020, including our advisors, officers, and 4 initiates

Our Officer Team and half our initiates after our 2019 Fall Initiation