FULL ANNUAL CHAPTER REPORT

2017-2018

University of Texas at Arlington –TEXAS SIGMA RHO

A. Initiations

The initiation procedure was started by evaluating a list provided by the academic office, which included names, academic standing, GPA, and email addresses for each student in the mechanical engineering program. Using this list, the top 1/4 and top 1/3 of juniors and seniors in their class, respectively, were selected as candidates. These names were recorded and an email was sent, inviting them to an information session about Pi Tau Sigma. At the info session, the membership ideals, benefits, and general information about of Pi Tau Sigma were discussed, and a date was set for the initiation ceremony (pending completion of the rituals). On the night of the initiation, the rituals were upheld, and the ceremony did not begin until dues were paid and the signatures required were verified. The ceremony was held in accordance with the initiation rules document available on the PTS National site. Keys were distributed, and graduating seniors received their regalia. The info session occurred on Friday, 27 April 2018, and the initiation ceremony followed on Wednesday, 2 May 2018. In total there were 7 initiates.

B. Chapter Activities

Texas Sigma Rho participated in both the Engineering Welcome Bash and the Explore Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering activities, in September 2017. The College of Engineering welcome bash is an event geared toward new and returning engineering students, and is used as a way to begin the semester in an exciting manner. It is a way for the College of Engineering to greet engineering students upon returning or arriving to campus for the semester. Texas Sigma Rho was represented at the event, providing an info table to answer questions prospective initiates may have about the honorary society. The Explore Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering activity is an event held to welcome new undergraduates to the program. Students are encouraged to come so that they may interface with professors, visit Engineering research and teaching labs, and join student organizations. This event in particular is invite-only and restricted to new students. Texas Sigma Rho was again well represented at this event, providing an info table, assistance with tours, and assistance in various labs during the event. At the end of the semester (12 May 2018) the commencement ceremony was held for the college of engineering. During this event, the graduating members of Texas Sigma Rho proudly represented Pi Tau Sigma by wearing the PTS stoles and cords.