PI TAU SIGMA ANNUAL CHAPTER REPORT

2010-2011

University of Central Florida Delta Sigma

A. Initiations

Our selection process includes contacting the top 35% of juniors and seniors in Mechanical Engineering and inviting them to the induction process. This is done each semester. During the induction ceremony the Pi Tau Sigma Chapter Manual is read aloud along with the fundamental principles of the ASME Code of Ethics of Engineers. Each of the initiates gives their name and individually pledges to uphold these values. Once the induction ceremony is completed the secret Pi Tau Sigma handshake is shared with all of the new initiates. Due to the 2011 National Convention decision to give each new initiate a bent, we have decided to start a new chapter tradition. At all future inductions, bents will be given to initiates. They will then be required to polish them and bring them with them to the first general meeting. We had three inductions during the course of this school year. During the summer semester we inducted nine people, in the fall we inducted twenty people, and in the spring we inducted seventeen people for a total of forty six new members this year.

B. Chapter Activities

Prior to this year our chapter had been relatively inactive. Within the 2010-2011 academic year the number of inductees has dramatically increased. Along with increasing membership, we have also worked to increase chapter activities and involvement. In addition to general meetings, we also had a guest speaker, John Winchester (http://www.johnwinchester.com/emails.html) come and speak to the chapter.

John Winchester is a former NASA engineer. Another special event that we held was a team building experience. We went to an on-campus high ropes course which we then had to navigate in small groups. This was a great experience for the new members and helped build strong relationships.

In addition to building the membership and involvement of the chapter, we have also worked to establish ourselves as a registered campus organization. This has necessitated the writing of a new constitution. We have also spoken with the dean of the College of Engineering and Computer Science. He is aware of our efforts and fully supports them. This support was shown when he funded two of our members to travel to the National Convention. This was the first time that our chapter has been able to attend the national convention in many years. Lastly, we have worked with the U.C.F ASME chapter in order to get their webmaster to create a website for our organization as well. We will have a new website at the start of the fall semester which will greatly enhance our visibility.