

Project Name: Ask An Engineer: Student Mentoring Night Date(s): 11/08/01

Project Area (x): Community University Profession/Engineering
Chapter/Social Education/Prof. Dev. X

Number of Persons who participated in this project Members: 17 (14 non-members)
Electees: 0

Hours spent on this project. Organizing: 5 Participating: 3

DESCRIPTION OR INDEX ATTACHED DESCRIPTION:

- I. General Description: Students from various engineering disciplines and grade levels (especially freshman or first-year transfer students) are counseled by members of Tau Beta Pi about what to expect from their respective majors. Tau Beta Pi members provided advice to these students and answered any questions they may have, including what classes to take in the upcoming quarters, how to prepare themselves from upper-division courses, and how to better organize their schedule around the course requirements to fit in their graduation plans.
- II. Purpose & Relationships to Objectives of TBP: The purpose is to allow Tau Beta Pi members to become mentors for these young engineering students who may have questions or concerns about the engineering major in general. The members also give advice to these students who may still be undecided of their major. Finally, the event is designed to motivate the students to excel in their engineering classes by helping them make well-informed decisions.
- III. Organizing & Administration: (in conjunction with another group? (Yes No) To make sure the event information is reached out to as many engineering students as possible, aggressive effort in advertising the event is made by all members of Tau Beta Pi. Such advertisements include sending out a broadcast email to all engineering students (through the university's engineering student services), posting up flyers and banners across campus, speaking in classrooms, writing event information on classroom boards, and by word of mouth.
- IV. Cost & Personnel Requirements: Cost: food (Krispy Kreme donuts and drinks)
Personnel Requirements: Reservation of a room that can occupy approximately 30 to 40 people. Room setting is chosen such that the event has a very casual setting allowing students to interact and communicate closely.
- V. Special Problems:
None specific.

- VI. Over-all Evaluation/Results (Be specific): Overall, the event was a success. It was well attended by both the Tau Beta Pi members and non-members (a total of 31 people attended the even). It lasted for about 3 hours and feedback from non-members who participated are positive. The event was very active and all students who participated enjoyed the company of each other discussing some of the highlights and lowlights of their experiences in engineering.
- VII. Index of Exhibits: None specific.