Puerto Rico Alpha
Chapter Project Report
Fall 2016 – Spring 2017

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Recurring Project

Project name: Fall Smoker
Date(s) of Project: Sep. 13, 2016

Project area: Chapter/Social

Number of persons who participated in this project
Members: 9  Electees: 43

Hours spent on this project.
Organizing: 8  Participating: 3

DESCRIPTION:

I. General Description: The chapter hosted its biannual Smoker, an orientation event for candidates to learn about Tau Beta Pi and to be sorted into groups. In this event, chapter officers present themselves and explain the process for initiation. Smokers are the first activity geared towards candidates and in it they have a chance to win one (1) point towards their point requirements.

II. Purpose & Relationship to Objectives of TBP: This event is the first step all candidates take on their road towards membership. The idea is to learn more about what Tau Beta Pi offers them and to split them up into groups which will form their team for the rest of the semester’s activities.

III. Organization & Administration: (in conjunction with another group?) No
This is one of our major events, and requires the participation of practically all the officers and active members possible. The list of eligible students is made public, via e-mail, Facebook and posted on bulletin boards throughout campus. This announcement also invites them to the Smoker. The Vice President of Initiation is in charge of reserving the room and coordinating the purchase of pizza and refreshments, and also runs the Smoker itself. The VPI prepares a presentation that explains the association, benefits and the membership process, and also runs an initial team-building activity and assigns the projects to each group of candidates. A group of officers is at the door, handing out brochures and assigning members to different groups and a series of members are assigned as mentors to each group, initially tasked with helping them try to win the team building activity, but they also help their groups prepare their assigned activity and sale throughout the semester. Several officers are pre-assigned as mentors to an activity (Environmental, Community and Professional Coordinators, for example, will be mentors of the groups who are assigned the environmental, community service and technical projects).

IV. Cost & Personnel Requirements: Pizzas and refreshments were the only costs incurred.

V. Special Problems: There was a delay receiving the list of eligible students causing two major problems. First, we had to change the date few times and therefore, the participation of candidates was less than expected. Second, the hour available to reserve the room conflicted with some exams and for this reason some students left before finishing the event.
VI. Overall Evaluation/Results (Be Specific): This semester we asked the groups to make up a name (example: the yellow group called themselves The Minions). In some groups, this brought a feeling of unity; unity needed for the elaboration and participation of activities. As usual, after learning about all the benefits TBP has to offer, candidates are more eager to work towards their membership, especially those who win a point in this activity. Almost all candidates who attend the Smoker end up becoming members.

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Recurring Project

Project name: Company Night
Date(s) of Project: Sep. 29, 2016

Project area: University/College

Number of persons who participated in this project
Members: 2 Electees: 0

Hours spent on this project.
Organizing: 2 Participating: 4

DESCRIPTION:

I. General Description: Before the fall semester job fair in campus, companies have a chance to meet student organizations the night prior to the job fair in order to learn more about the various student organizations. All associations set up a table with information about who they are and what they do, and what awards, if any, they have won for their activities. This year it was held in two location simultaneously, one of them was in the Students Center and the other was in a nearby plaza.

II. Purpose & Relationship to Objectives of TBP: Since companies start looking for prospective students, weeks before the job fair, the Company Night serves as a way to put forth their names by explaining what Tau Beta Pi does and what it represents. It helps members get an edge in the job application process and serves to meet other fellow Tau Bates.

III. Organization & Administration: (in conjunction with another group?) Yes
We had two meetings to set up the activity. The Job Placements Department in campus asked student organizations for their help in setting up the area. In addition, various other associations were involved, so really the Company Night was a collaboration of many student groups and Job Placement Department.

IV. Cost & Personnel Requirements: There were no expenses for this activity, since the flyers and decorations for the table were already at our office. As for personnel, the Job Placements department had asked for up to 5 students to represent each student association. Only two officers volunteered for the activity. There were two candidates that showed interest on participating in the activity, but they were not allowed because they don’t have the knowledge of the chapter operation and don’t have experience and familiarization with TBP.

V. Special Problems: The visibility of the table wasn’t the best because the activity was held during the night and the illumination wasn’t that good where we were, so for the next Company Night we must consider that about the location of our table. Also, we recognized that our decoration doesn’t attract too much attention, it will be better if we get a poster or an electronic presentation in a laptop or television. To implement that, power outlet extensions should be required. Another problem was that we didn’t have too many volunteers for the activity.
VI. Overall Evaluation/Results (Be Specific): This event served as a way to promote Tau Beta Pi to some companies. But we know what we should and could do to take more advantage of the activity just by changing a couple things in the presentation of the table and with more volunteers. Also, to the companies or universities that desired our members’ resumes, we asked them to sign a sheet that we had and that night, after the event, we sent them the members’ resumes.

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Attendance:
1. Frances Ruiz
2. Hector Crespo

Photos:
Recurring Project

Project name: Internship Talk Series Date(s) of Project: Oct. 11, 2016

Project area: Education/Prof. Dev.

Number of persons who participated in this project Members: 3 Electees: 7

Hours spent on this project. Organizing: 0.5 Participating: 1.5

DESCRIPTION:

I. General Description: As members of the Tau Beta Pi society, Puerto Rico Alpha Chapter, we brought this activity so that our members and candidates could share their professional and research internships to learn more about the different projects they were working on and also to motivate those who have not been on an internship already.

II. Purpose & Relationship to Objectives of TBP: To learn about members’ and candidates’ internship experiences and motivate those who have not made one already.

III. Organization & Administration: (in conjunction with another group?) No

This activity was held at Stefani Building room 203 from 10:30am-12:00pm.

IV. Cost & Personnel Requirements: No expenses.

V. Special Problems: None were encountered.

VI. Overall Evaluation/Results (Be Specific): The activity was a great success, several candidates spoke about their professional and research experiences during their academic career, and we learn more about their projects, their challenges and achievements during this unique experience.
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Flyer:

Internship

EXPERIENCES

INTERNSHIP TALK SERIES

COME AND SHARE WITH US YOUR PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCES IN THE INDUSTRY

WHERE: STEFANI BUILDING S-203
WHEN: TUESDAY OCTOBER 11, 2016
HOUR: 10:30AM (UNIVERSAL HOUR)
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Recurring Project

Project name: Engineering Ethics Talk
Date(s) of Project: Oct. 27, 2016

Project area: Chapter/Social

Number of persons who participated in this project
Members: 7
Electees: 8

Hours spent on this project.
Organizing: 0.5
Participating: 1.5

DESCRIPTION:

I. General Description: As members of the Tau Beta Pi society, Puerto Rico Alpha Chapter, we participated in this activity so that our members and candidates could review and learn more about the importance of ethics in our profession and the responsibilities and character and engineer must have.

II. Purpose & Relationship to Objectives of TBP: To review and learn more about the importance of ethics in our profession and our responsibilities as engineers.

III. Organization & Administration: (in conjunction with another group?) No
This activity was presented by Dr. Ivan Baiges and was held at Industrial Engineering Building Room 229 from 10:30am-12:00pm.

IV. Cost & Personnel Requirements: There were no expenses.

V. Special Problems: No problems were encountered.

VI. Overall Evaluation/Results (Be Specific): The activity was a great success, we reviewed and learned new things about this topic and the importance of it the engineering profession.

VII. Index of Exhibits: N/A
Recurring Project

Project name: Medicine Recollection for Haiti Date(s) of Project: Oct. 3 - Oct. 7, 2016

Project area: Community/Liberal Culture

Number of persons who participated in this project Members: 5 Electees: 5

Hours spent on this project. Organizing: 3 Participating: 1

DESCRIPTION:

I. General Description: The purpose of this project was to collaborate with a charity organization in order to collect medicine (donated by the UPRM community) to be given to children and adults of scarce resources in Haiti.

II. Purpose & Relationship to Objectives of TBP: This project was aligned with the community service efforts of Tau Beta Pi. It gave us, as well as the entire URPM community, the chance to leave a positive mark in the lives of children who do not have enough resources, while allowing us to network and strengthen our ties with other organizations.

III. Organization & Administration: (in conjunction with another group?) Yes
The Tau Beta Pi collaborated with the Alpha Delta Kappa on this project. The Alpha Delta Kappa is an honorary international sorority of educators. One of its members and our Advisor, Mayra Mendez, proposed that our chapters worked together with their association and gave us all the information necessary to promote the activity by newsletter and social media.

IV. Cost & Personnel Requirements: All items were donated.

V. Special Problems: None were encountered.

VI. Overall Evaluation/Results (Be Specific): Close to 20 medicines were collected by Tau Beta Pi.

VII. Index of Exhibits: N/A
Recurring Project

Project name: Beach Cleanup at El Seco
Date(s) of Project: Oct. 15, 2016

Project area: Community/Liberal Culture

Number of persons who participated in this project
Members: 2
Electees: 4

Hours spent on this project.
Organizing: 1
Participating: 2

DESCRIPTION:

I. General Description: As members of the Tau Beta Pi society, Puerto Rico Alpha Chapter, we participated and collaborated with Campus Verde in this activity. Members from both organizations were volunteers and responsible for the cleaning activity at “El Seco” beach in Mayaguez.

II. Purpose & Relationship to Objectives of TBP: Us as individuals and as part of Tau Beta Pi need to demonstrate not only academic achievements, but also that we care for the environment and community.

III. Organization & Administration: (in conjunction with another group?) Yes
We were responsible for the promotion for the event and Campus Verde for all necessary supplies for the event.

IV. Cost & Personnel Requirements: No expenses.

V. Special Problems: None were encountered.

VI. Overall Evaluation/Results (Be Specific): Over 20 people participated in this cleaning activity. We recovered 10 bags of garbage, a tire, planks and lots plastic. Also, there were two additional bags for recycling plastic and aluminum. Campus Verde took those two bags for recycling.

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Attendance:
1. Hector Hidalgo
2. Valeria Colón
3. Noel Ortiz León
4. Alejandro G. González Torres
5. Jonathan Mercado
6. José Rodríguez

Flyers:

LIMPIEZA DE PLAYA: EL SECO, MAYAGÜEZ
Sábado, 15 de Octubre 2016
Ven y acompáñanos a limpiar la playa El Seco en Mayagüez a la misma vez que disfrutamos de la naturaleza. ¡Ayúdanos a conservar limpias nuestras playas!
Seamos el cambio que queremos ver en el mundo.
Hora: 7:15 a.m.
Lugar: Área Blanca, al lado de Gimnasio Espada
Transportación: “Carpool”

Para más información y registrarte:
http://www.uprm.edu/eventosverdes
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Recurring Project

Project name: Ven a Desayunar, Yo Invito  Date(s) of Project:  Oct. 16, 2016

Project area: Community/Liberal Culture

Number of persons who participated in this project
Members: 8  Electees: 12

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

DESCRIPTION:

I. General Description: The activity titled “Ven a Desayunar, Yo Invito” was a breakfast organized and
prepared by our chapter as well as the “Asociación Estudiantil de Apoyo a Comunidades” (AEAC) to
help provide food for the less fortunate people of Mayagüez. Members also get to know other people
of the community with whom they might not usually interact which can have a positive impact on
everyone.

II. Purpose & Relationship to Objectives of TBP: The activity served the purpose of involving the
chapter with an activity that would have a beneficial impact on the wellbeing and care of the less
fortunate people of the community, to involve the chapter with less fortunate members of the community
with whom they could share, not only breakfast, but also stories and anecdotes, and also to further
establish a bond with other groups and societies at the University by working the event together.

III. Organization & Administration: (in conjunction with another group?) Yes
The Association of Students Helping the Community (AEAC in Spanish) helped us coordinate this
activity.

IV. Cost & Personnel Requirements: No expenses, all items were donated.

V. Special Problems: Few people were present at the start of the activity which held up some of the
distribution of the breakfast and some showed up just as the activity finished when there was no food
left. A wider solicitation of donations could have been made so that the activity would not have finished
as early as it did, and so that more people could have the benefit of the breakfast.

VI. Overall Evaluation/Results (Be Specific): The members that participated were satisfied with the
experience that resulted from attending the activity. With the help of every member that visited, a
breakfast packet was successfully distributed to the people that attended. More than 25 people received
breakfast.

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**Donation List:**
1. Juan Plaza
2. Victor Vera
3. Samir Candelario
4. Patricia Pastrana
5. Jehnsen Almodovar
6. Jose Rodriguez
7. Alejandro González
8. Jose Rodriguez
9. Hector Crespo
10. Jonathan Mercado
11. Jessica González
12. Valeria Colón

**Attendance List:**
1. Jehnsen Almodovar
2. Jose Rodriguez Piña
3. Alejandro Gonzalez
4. Noel Ortiz
5. Jose Rodriguez Semidey
6. Jonathan Mercado
7. Hector Crespo
8. Rousane Ortiz
9. Hector Hidalgo
10. Valeria Colón
11. Angel Padilla

**Flyers:**
VEN A DESAYUNAR YO INVITO

16/Oct/2016
Viaducto, Mayaguez
8:00am-12:00pm

#AYUDAESTADEMUDA

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Recurring Project

Project name: Operation Christmas Child
Date(s) of Project: Oct. 20 - Nov. 15, 2016

Project area: Community/Liberal Culture

Number of persons who participated in this project
Members: 6
Electees: 6

Hours spent on this project.
Organizing: 4
Participating: 2

DESCRIPTION:

I. General Description: This project sought to promote the Operation Christmas Child (OCC) cause, which is led by the Samaritan’s Purse Organization. This is a nationwide event that takes place between the months of October and November to give the people the chance to donate gifts to children in need with the help of Samaritan’s Purse Organization. Donors must prepare a Christmas gift consisting of a shoebox or plastic box filled with toys and other practical objects, such as educational materials, simple school supplies, or hygiene/first aid amenities for children of scarce resources. The boxes for donation are to taken to certified collection centers across the United States and Puerto Rico for distribution.

II. Purpose & Relationship to Objectives of TBP: The Tau Beta Pi promoted the OCC cause within the UPRM. This project was aligned with the community service efforts of the association, giving us as well as the entire UPRM community, the chance to leave a positive mark in the lives of children who do not have enough resources to receive Christmas gifts.

III. Organization & Administration: (in conjunction with another group?) No
Tau Beta Pi ordered materials for promoting the activity directly from the Samaritan’s Purse website, such as flyers and informational pamphlets, and began promoting the activity a month prior to the deadline for turning in the boxes to the collection centers. These were given to our directive members for dissemination through the campus. The association’s members and candidates were strongly encouraged to participate.

IV. Cost & Personnel Requirements: All Items were donated.

V. Special Problems: None were encountered.

VI. Overall Evaluation/Results (Be Specific): 12 Operation Christmas Child boxes were collect by the Tau Beta Pi and they were personally taken by our Community Service Coordinator to the Business Administration building at UPRM to send to Samaritan’s Purse.

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Donations:
1. Valeria Colón
2. Gabriel Lucena
3. Jehnsen Almodovar
4. Josean Martinez
5. Kevin Perez
6. Patricia Pastrana
7. Hiram Cardona
8. Rafael Ocasio
9. Rafael Burgos
10. Raul Cruz
11. Natalia Benitez
12. Hazel Rivera

Photos:
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Recurring Project

Project name: FE & PE Engineering Exams Talks
Date(s) of Project: May. 7, 2015

Project area: Education/Prof. Dev.

Number of persons who participated in this project
Members: 4
Electees: 13

Hours spent on this project.
Organizing: 0.5
Participating: 1.5

DESCRIPTION:

I. General Description: We brought this activity so that our members and candidates could learn more about the process to become an engineer after having completed their degree.

II. Purpose & Relationship to Objectives of TBP: To learn about the process of taking the FE & PE exams and affiliation process in P.R.

III. Organization & Administration: (in conjunction with another group?) No
In this activity, the FE & PE exams and affiliation processes in P.R were discussed by Dr. José Arroyo. This activity was held at Stefani building, room 303 from 10:30am-12:00pm.

IV. Cost & Personnel Requirements: There were no expenses.

V. Special Problems: None were encountered.

VI. Overall Evaluation/Results (Be Specific): The activity was a great success, several members and candidates from TBP assisted as well as other members from other societies invited. We learn a lot about these processes to become an engineer after having completed our degree.

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1. Flyers

Flyers:
CHARLA DE COLEGIACIÓN

El Dr. José Arroyo estará presentando el proceso de colegiación, sus beneficios y todo lo que necesitas saber para tomar la revalida de ingeniería y para poder ejercer como ingeniero o agrimensor.

Martes, 22 de Noviembre
HORA Y LUGAR:
Hora Universal en S-303

Traído a ustedes por:
Tau Beta Pi
PUERTO RICO ALPHA
Recurring Project

Project name: Engineering Futures

Date(s) of Project: Dec. 3, 2016

Project area: Education/Prof. Dev.

Number of persons who participated in this project

Members: 3

Electees: 4

Hours spent on this project.

Organizing: 1

Participating: 6

DESCRIPTION:

I. General Description: We hosted this activity brought by TBP HQ so that our members, candidates and others could participate in these professional seminars.

II. Purpose & Relationship to Objectives of TBP: To participate and take advantage of those professional seminars offered by TBP HQ. The modules offered were Team Chartering & Effective Presentation Skills.

III. Organization & Administration: (in conjunction with another group?) No

The modules were presented by Wendy Harper and the activity was held at Stefani building, room 230 from 8:00am-2:00pm.

IV. Cost & Personnel Requirements: There was a $50 charge from TBP HQ in order to schedule the session.

V. Special Problems: None were encountered.

VI. Overall Evaluation/Results (Be Specific): The activity was a success, several candidates, members and others assisted and participated in the activity.

VII. Index of Exhibits: N/A
Recurring Project

Project name: Bent Polishing  Date(s) of Project: Dec. 7, 2017

Project area: Community/Liberal Culture

Number of persons who participated in this project  Members: 0  Electees: 5

Hours spent on this project.  Organizing: 1  Participating: 4

DESCRIPTION:

I. General Description: Chapter members polish our bents.

II. Purpose & Relationship to Objectives of TBP: This event was done with the idea to get the candidates to know each other better while polishing the Bents for next year’s Beta Hunt Activity.

III. Organization & Administration: (in conjunction with another group?) No
Our Vice-President of Candidates took her time to organize the activity, and preparing the newsletter that was sent out to our members and candidates. Also, she was in charge of the activity and directed the effort into cleaning and polishing the Bent with sand paper and polishing agents.

IV. Cost & Personnel Requirements: There were no costs incurred since all of the cleaning agents and materials, such as gloves and sand paper, were already available from previous bent polishing activities.

V. Special Problems: None were encountered.

VI. Overall Evaluation/Results (Be Specific): Although the Bent didn’t shine, it was cleaned and ready for the next year Beta Hunt Activity. For future reference, we would need to think of ways for getting members interested in participating form the Bent polishing.

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1. Attendance List

Attendance:
1. Carlos Sosa
2. Hazel Rivera
3. Jonathan Mercado
4. Stephannie Benítez
5. Jonathan Fortis
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Recurring Project

Project name: Induction Ceremony and Banquet Date(s) of Project: Dec. 9, 2016

Project area: Chapter/Social

Number of persons who participated in this project
Members: 12 Electees: 19

Hours spent on this project.
Organizing: 10 Participating: 5

DESCRIPTION:

I. General Description: Puerto Rico Alpha formally added 19 members to its roll book as part of the Initiation Ritual. Afterwards, the Initiation Banquet was held for candidates and members to celebrate the newest members of Tau Beta Pi. Friends and relatives are also invited to enjoy a wonderful dinner and a night filled with music. Also, recognition was made to this semester’s Outstanding Members & Outstanding Candidates and two special recognitions to two outstanding members of the board of officers that were finishing their last semester.

II. Purpose & Relationship to Objectives of TBP: The final step for all candidates on their road to membership is the Initiation Ritual, which informs them of the requisites, history and objectives of the organization. The banquet held afterwards was the final social event of the semester as a celebration of their accomplishment.

III. Organization & Administration: (in conjunction with another group?) No
The Ritual of Initiation is led mainly by the President and Vice President of Initiation. A group of officers, members volunteers to decorate the ballroom and prepare the Banquet. Our Vice-President of Initiates was mainly in charge of the Banquet and decorations. Volunteers are requested from the officers, advisors and membership for roles in the Ritual and to help with the preparation of the ballroom. For this semester all advisors participated in the Ritual. The “Casa Chica Capitular” of the CIAPR was requested since the beginning of the semester for the Banquet. Later in the semester it was agreed upon that the ritual was to be done in the same place. The initiates are scheduled to arrive half an hour before the Ritual is set to begin, to give us time to prepare the room and organize the initiates; appetizers and refreshments are available. The logistics of the Banquet was led by the Vice President of Initiates.

IV. Cost & Personnel Requirements: Several costs are involved as this is one of the biggest events for the chapter. Costs include the rental of the ballroom (~$250) and food & beverages ($340). The total cost for the event was about $614. Since the chapter had plenty of decorations from past banquets, these were used again, and the only costs for decorations incurred was for the tablecloths and cups ($24). Chapter officers took care of all the details before, during, and after the event.
V. Special Problems: The only problem was that the initiation date was to close to finals exams, therefore, a few candidates couldn’t stay after the induction ceremony to celebrate the occasion.

VI. Overall Evaluation/Results (Be Specific): Both the initiation and the banquet were successful. Everyone that attended had a great time socializing and getting to know each other. We believe that this is key in order to provide the new members an ambiance of comfort and welcome into Tau Beta Pi.

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1. List of New Members

New Members:
1. Jessica González
2. Víctor Vera
3. Carlos Sosa
4. Maryorie Santos
5. Raúl Cruz
6. Jonathan Mercado
7. Alejandro González
8. Jonathan Fortis
9. Rafael Ocasio
10. Samir Candelario
11. Stephannie Benítez
12. José Rodríguez Semidey
13. Angel Seda
14. Noel Ortíz
15. Hazel Rivera
16. Kiara Pozo
17. Norman García
18. Merarys Caquías
19. José Rodríguez Piña
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Recurring Project

Project name: Officer Meetings
Date(s) of Project: Biweekly on Thursdays

Project area: Chapter/Social

Number of persons who participated in this project
Members: 12
Electees: 0

Hours spent on this project.
Organizing: 10
Participating: 20

DESCRIPTION:

I. General Description: As required by the Bylaws, our chapter officers meet to discuss chapter related subjects, initiation process progress, organizing the next activities and delegate special tasks. On average, meetings took about 1.5 to 2 hours. The meeting are held in the afternoon, in a classroom or an activity room, usually the agenda is sent to the officers one day before the meeting.

II. Purpose & Relationship to Objectives of TBP: In order to offer activities and to better coordinate the initiation process, meetings were necessary to discuss both the activities planned for the following days and to keep up with the progress of the candidates.

III. Organization & Administration: (in conjunction with another group?) No

Chapter officer meetings are open to all members only if invited or directly involved with one of the activities, no other student organization participates in our officer meetings. Meetings follow the format established in our Bylaws, and are usually led by the President.

IV. Cost & Personnel Requirements: No expenses.

V. Special Problems: Given that our office does not provide for enough space to hold the meetings there, we have to reserve a room ahead each time, fill permission slip and wait for personnel to open the room which is kind of difficult during the evenings since there is not as much personnel available at this time. Also, sometimes we have technical issues with the projector and since at that time the department office is closed, everyone has to read the presentation in their individual computer, phone or tablet, which can cause distractions at the meeting.

VI. Overall Evaluation/Results (Be Specific): Officer Meetings were overall positive as the officers could plan ahead what their responsibilities in each activity were. Assistance was usually about 70% and final decisions were made through voting. Activities were also better coordinated and successful since all officers knew where and when to be, and what to do.

VII. Index of Exhibits:
1. List of Officers
List of Officers, Fall 2016:

President ............................................................... Frances Ruiz
Vice President of Initiation .................. Ricem Díaz
Vice President of Activities ............... Hector Crespo
Vice President of Members ................. Angel Padilla
Corresponding Secretary .................. Hugo Maysonet
Recording Secretary ......................... Hugo Maysonet
Treasurer .......................................................... Salimar Cordero
Public Affairs/Relations ................... Eric Rivera
Historian .......................................................... Valeria Colon
Webmaster ..................................................... Giovanni Gardon
Environmental Act. Coordinator ....... Héctor Hidalgo
Professional Act. Coordinator ............ Ramón Reyes
K-12 Coordinator ........................................ Rousane Ortiz
Advisors ......................................................... Josuan Hilerio Sánchez
Dr. Evi De la Rosa
Dr. Mayra Méndez
Dr. Sheilla Torres
The Tau Beta Pi Association
Chapter Project Report

Recurring Project

Project name: First General Assembly  Date(s) of Project: Feb. 2, 2017

Project area: Chapter/Social

Number of persons who participated in this project
Members: 16  Electees: 0

Hours spent on this project.
Organizing: 2.5  Participating: 2

DESCRIPTION:

I. General Description: Assembly held to inform the members about new and upcoming activities, as well as any other news regarding Tau Beta Pi and the university.

II. Purpose & Relationship to Objectives of TBP: The purpose of this assembly was to inform our members about the activities planned for this semester including the Internship Talk Series, Engineering Futures, charity events and fundraising sales. We also announced vacant officer posts to see if anyone was interested in them and the initiation process for this semester to see if anyone wanted to help.

III. Organization & Administration: (in conjunction with another group?) No
A room in the general engineering building was booked by the Vice President of Activities with no problems. The assembly was ran by the Vice President of Activities and the President. The Social Activities Coordinator was in charge of the pizza.

IV. Cost & Personnel Requirements: Pizza and soft drinks were served for the attendees.

V. Special Problems: None were encountered.

VI. Overall Evaluation/Results (Be Specific): Almost all of our vacant officer positions got filled except for Secretary and Webmaster. We got 4 people to serve as mentors (for the candidates) and help us with the initiation process.

VII. Index of Exhibits:
1. Attendance

Attendance list:
2. Kevin Pérez
3. José Rodríguez Piña
4. Norman R. García Hernández
5. Israel Martínez
6. Rafael E. Ocasio Martínez
7. Daniel E. Rodríguez Torres
8. José G. Rodríguez Semidey
9. Kiara Pozo Torres
10. Angel R. Seda Meléndez
11. Hector J. Crespo Febles
12. Juan A. Plaza Otero
13. Hector Hidalgo Vera
14. Amanda Walters Cruz
15. Angel L. Padilla
16. Alexis Vera de Jesús
Recurring Project

Project name: Pretzel sale  
Date(s) of Project: Feb. 9, 2017

Project area: Community/Liberal Culture

Number of persons who participated in this project:
Members: 12  
Electees: 0

Hours spent on this project:
Organizing: 2  
Participating: 3.5

DESCRIPTION:

I. General Description: Sale of soft pretzels.

II. Purpose & Relationship to Objectives of TBP: To raise money for our chapter, providing students with the opportunity to satisfy their sweet tooth with a cinnamon-sugar soft pretzel, while working as a team to make sure the sale runs smoothly.

III. Organization & Administration: (in conjunction with another group?) No
A table at the lobby of the general engineering building was reserved for the sale and organized by our Social Activities coordinator. The pretzels were obtained from Mr. Pretzel, they would make the pretzels in a batch and deliver them to us at the university, for every pretzel sold, we would earn one dollar while the rest went to Mr. Pretzel. The Social Activities coordinator also offered to deliver pretzels to any building in campus.

IV. Cost & Personnel Requirements: No money had to be invested into this activity. Tau Beta Pi officials took turns running the sale with the help of some active members.

V. Special Problems: None were encountered.

VI. Overall Evaluation/Results (Be Specific): All 50 pretzels were sold and our chapter earned $50 from this sale. It was our first time selling pretzels, so we didn’t order many and risk not selling them all. The sale went slower than expected, but the delivery service helped us greatly in selling the pretzels across campus.

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1. Attendance
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Attendance:
1. Ricem Diaz Arroyo
2. Rafael E. Ocasio Martínez
3. Angel R. Seda Meléndez
4. Víctor Vera López
5. Axel O. Negrón Vivas
6. Luis José Cruz Pérez
7. Daniel E. Rodríguez Torres
8. Kevin Pérez Badillo
9. Norman R. García Hernández
10. Carlos R. Wah González
11. Hugo Maysonet
12. Stephannie Benítez Merced

**Flyers:**

![Flyer Image]

**¡Venta de Pretzels!**

¡Ven y disfruta de un rico y fresco pretzel!

**Fecha:** Jueves, 9 de Febrero de 2017

**Hora:** 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

**Lugar:** Lobby de Stefani

**Precio:** $3.00

**Photos:**
Recurring Project

Project name: Smoker  Date(s) of Project: Feb. 15, 2017

Project area: Chapter/Social

Number of persons who participated in this project

Members: 10  Electees: 7

Hours spent on this project.

Organizing: 4  Participating: 2

DESCRIPTION:

I. General Description: The chapter hosts its biannual Smoker, an orientation event for candidates to learn about Tau Beta Pi and to be sorted into groups. In this event, chapter officers present themselves and explain the process for initiation. Smokers are the first activity geared towards candidates.

II. Purpose & Relationship to Objectives of TBP: This event is the first step all candidates take on their road towards membership. The idea is to learn more about what Tau Beta Pi offers them and to split them up into groups which will form their team for the rest of the semester’s activities.

III. Organization & Administration: (in conjunction with another group?) No

The event was hosted in the Business Administration building after going through all buildings and finding out their amphitheaters were full. The Vice President of Initiates hosted the event.

IV. Cost & Personnel Requirements: Pizza and soft drinks were served.

V. Special Problems: There was a delay receiving the list of eligible students causing problems. First, we couldn’t host the Smoker by the date we wanted, which led to even more problems: exam season had already started which made booking large rooms almost impossible due to them being reserved for exams, and students not being able to assist because of tests. Due to most large rooms being booked already, we ended up hosting the event in the Business Administration building’s amphitheater, which is far from most buildings and probably hurt our numbers.

VI. Overall Evaluation/Results (Be Specific): The amount of candidates that showed up to the smoker was way lower than we expected, the icebreaker dynamic was cancelled due to there not being enough people. On the bright side, the small amount of candidates meant that all of their questions got answered. Only a couple of candidates let us know by email that they were interested but could not assist to the Smoker.

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1. Attendance
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Attendance list:
1. Abdelmonem Mohamed
2. Ricen Díaz
3. Norman R. García Hernández
4. Laura Silva Jetter
5. Kevin Montalvo Miranda
6. Gretchen Y. Bonilla Caraballo
7. Luis O. Vega Maisonet
8. Noel Ortiz León
9. Jemaris Martes Villalobo
10. Kiara Pozo Torres
11. Luis R. Acevedo González
12. Alexis Vera de Jesús
13. Héctor Hidalgo
14. Salimar Cordero
15. Carlos R. Wah González
16. Angel L. Padilla
17. Angel R. Seda Meléndez

Photos:
Recurring Project

Project name: Internship Talk Series  Date(s) of Project:  Feb. 23, 2017

Project area:  Education/Prof. Dev.

Number of persons who participated in this project

Members: 0  Electees: 0

Hours spent on this project.

Organizing: 2  Participating: 0

DESCRIPTION:

I. General Description:  An activity where students who have been on internships, as well as recruiters, would talk about what is it like to go on an internship, what requirements need to be met, and how this experience can make an individual better suited for the job market.

II. Purpose & Relationship to Objectives of TBP:  This activity was meant to inspire students to pursue internship and/or COOP opportunities, as well as encouraging and answering any doubts that would make students hesitate against doing so.

III. Organization & Administration: (in conjunction with another group?)  No
A room with capacity for 30 people was separated by the Vice-President of Activities, while the Professional Development coordinator arranged for José Font and Ivonne Pérez, representatives of Boeing and Raytheon respectively, to attend.

IV. Cost & Personnel Requirements:  No expenses.

V. Special Problems:  Activity was canceled due to a student-led stoppage preventing the university from opening during that day.

VI. Overall Evaluation/Results (Be Specific):  Activity was not held due to a stoppage, the event was rescheduled later in the semester but then a 54-day strike occurred, paralyzing all activities from the beginning of April until June 1st.

VII. Index of Exhibits:  N/A
Recurring Project

Project name: Beta Hunt  
Date(s) of Project: Mar. 2, 2017

Project area: Chapter/Social

Number of persons who participated in this project
Members: 5  Electees: 3

Hours spent on this project.
Organizing: 2  Participating: 2

DESCRIPTION:

I. General Description: A night full of varied events where candidates can gain points for the total needed to be initiated.

II. Purpose & Relationship to Objectives of TBP: This activity allows candidates to get to know each other as well as get to know the officials. candidates compete in teams assigned at the Smoker for points in events like the Color Spirit, in which participants must be wearing as many things as possible pertaining to their team color, Trivia Crack, a trivia challenge in which the 5 categories are STEM, History, Geography, Sports and Pop Culture, and to finish the night: the Beta Hunt, a scavenger hunt throughout campus to find as many bents as possible and where each bent has a different value.

III. Organization & Administration: (in conjunction with another group?) No
A room was booked in the general engineering building, the activity was hosted by the Vice President of Initiates and the Vice President of Activities.

IV. Cost & Personnel Requirements: Pizza and soft drinks were served.

V. Special Problems: Due to the very low attendance, the Color Spirit was pretty one-sided, the Beta Hunt got cancelled, and the Trivia Crack was played in two teams.

VI. Overall Evaluation/Results (Be Specific): The attendance for the Beta Hunt usually determines how many candidates are interested in Tau Beta Pi for this semester. This semester the attendance was very low, only 3 candidates, which made the Color Spirit very one sided since one team had 2 people and the other one had only one. For the trivia crack, a member was added to the one-man team to help level things out, but the Beta Hunt was cancelled because the scavenger hunt with teams so small would have been too much for them. All candidates were made into the same team so they could all organize the team sale together.

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   1. Attendance
   2. Photos
Attendance List:
1. Giovanni Gardón
2. Misael Valentín
3. Ian González
4. Gretchen Y. Bonilla
5. Angel R. Seda
6. Noel Ortiz León
7. Carlos R. Wah González
8. Angel Padilla

Photos:
Recurring Project

Project name: Ven a Desayunar, Yo Invito  Date(s) of Project:  Mar. 19, 2017

Project area: Community/Liberal Culture

Number of persons who participated in this project
Members: 7  Electees: 3

Hours spent on this project.
Organizing: 1.5  Participating: 5

DESCRIPTION:

I. General Description: A charity event where breakfast and basic necessities are handed out to the poor and homeless of Mayagüez.

II. Purpose & Relationship to Objectives of TBP: The activity served the purpose of involving the chapter with an activity that would have a beneficial impact on the wellbeing of the less fortunate members of our community, and involve the chapter with less fortunate members of the community with whom they could share, not only breakfast, but also stories and anecdotes.

III. Organization & Administration: (in conjunction with another group?) Yes
Eta Kappa Nu was in charge of sandwiches, tables, and juice, Alpha Pi Mu was in charge of coffee, and Tau Beta Pi was in charge of the event plus helping out with the donations we got (sugar for the coffee, bread, ham, cheese, cookies and juice). Everyone brought their chairs to the event.

IV. Cost & Personnel Requirements: All items used were donated by students from Tau Beta Pi, Eta Kappa Nu and Alpha Pi Mu.

V. Special Problems: We ran out of sweets early and had to go to the supermarket twice to restock.

VI. Overall Evaluation/Results (Be Specific): Tau Beta Pi had the least representation out of the 3 organizations that worked on this event at first, but later on more members came to help. All of our donations got used/consumed, nothing was wasted.

VII. Index of Exhibits:
   1. Photos

Photos:
Recurring Project

Project name: Candidate-Organized Donut Sale  
Date(s) of Project: **Mar. 29, 2017**

Project area: **Community/Liberal Culture**

Number of persons who participated in this project  
Members: 1  
Electees: 4

Hours spent on this project.  
Organizing: 3  
Participating: 2

DESCRIPTION:

I. General Description: Candidates opted for selling donuts.

II. Purpose & Relationship to Objectives of TBP: As part of the initiation process, candidates must work together to organize a sale by themselves. This activity not only gets them to work together but also to get to know each other.

III. Organization & Administration: (in conjunction with another group?) No  
The Vice President of Initiates reserved a table for the candidates to hold the sale. The decision of what was going to be sold, who would do what and the sale itself was all left to the candidates.

IV. Cost & Personnel Requirements: The candidates would be reimbursed for any expense related to the sale up to $50.

V. Special Problems: None were encountered.

VI. Overall Evaluation/Results (Be Specific): The Candidates bought and sold 4 dozens of donuts for a dollar each raising $48, donuts are very popular in campus so they sold pretty quickly. All electees participated in the sale, which shows that they have interest in becoming members of Tau Beta Pi.

VII. Index of Exhibits:

1. Attendance
2. Photos

Attendance list:

1. Gretchen Y. Bonilla
2. Abdelmonem Mohamed
3. Ian González
4. Carlos R. Wah González
5. Misael Valentín Feliciano
Recurring Project

Project name: District 5 Conference
Date(s) of Project: Apr. 1 - Apr. 2, 2017

Project area: Chapter/Social

Number of persons who participated in this project
Members: 1         Electees: 0

Hours spent on this project.
Organizing: 2         Participating: 10

DESCRIPTION:

I. General Description: Conference in which officers from different chapters in district 5 meet.

II. Purpose & Relationship to Objectives of TBP: Officers from all over the district discuss about enhancing the visibility and reputation of Tau Beta Pi, increasing the amount of members, and how to best run their chapters. There’s also talks about how Tau Beta Pi runs and our duties to the society.

III. Organization & Administration: (in conjunction with another group?) No
The choosing of the members who would attend was pretty straightforward, the President asked around to see who was interested in going. The Vice President of Activities and Vice President of Membership were interested but the latter had to drop out due being too busy that weekend.

IV. Cost & Personnel Requirements: Sherry King was contacted to book the flights to and from Luis Muñoz Marín Intl Airport (SJU) and Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta Intl Airport (ATL) the total roundtrip cost was $890.83. Other expenses such as food and transportation came down to $40.91 for a total of $931.74.

V. Special Problems: Only the Vice President of Activities attended to the conference, the other officers were too busy. The flight tickets were bought the same week of the event which is why they came out so expensive.

VI. Overall Evaluation/Results (Be Specific): The conference was very enjoyable, the only issues were that the hotel was pretty far away from the university and the food choice for the dinner was questionable, it wasn’t very varied and excluded some people from eating it.

VII. Index of Exhibits:
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Project number: S - 09

Recurring Project

Project name: Frappe Sale
Date(s) of Project: Apr. 4, 2017

Project area: Community/Liberal Culture

Number of persons who participated in this project
Members: 16 
Electees: 3

Hours spent on this project.
Organizing: 2 
Participating: 2.5

DESCRIPTION:

I. General Description: Sale of frozen dessert drinks.

II. Purpose & Relationship to Objectives of TBP: To raise money for our chapter, providing students with the opportunity to beat the heat with a delicious frappe, while working as a team to make sure the sale runs smoothly.

III. Organization & Administration: (in conjunction with another group?) No
A table at the lobby of the general engineering building was reserved for the sale. The sale was organized by our Social Activities coordinator. The frappes were obtained from Don Frappe, they would make the frappes in a batch and deliver them to us at the university, for every frappe sold, we would earn $1.50 while the rest went to Don Frappe.

IV. Cost & Personnel Requirements: No money had to be invested into this activity. Tau Beta Pi officials took turns running the sale with the help of some active members.

V. Special Problems: None were encountered.

VI. Overall Evaluation/Results (Be Specific): All 100 frappes were sold fairly quickly, the sale ended ahead of the foreseen time (we expected it to last at least 3 hours), and our chapter earned $150 from this sale

VII. Index of Exhibits:
1. Attendance
2. Flyers
3. Photos

Attendance list:
1. Ricem Díaz Arroyo
2. Rafael Pérez Berriões
3. Merarys A. Caquías
4. Victor Vera López  
5. Axel O. Negrón Vivas  
6. Angel R. Seda Meléndez  
7. José D. Rodríguez Piña  
8. Daniel E. Rodríguez Torres  
9. Carlos R. Wah González  
10. Gretchen Y. Bonilla Caraballo  
11. Alexis A. Vera de Jesús  
12. José Rodríguez Semidey  
13. Andrea Canales Oppenheimer  
14. Rubén F Delgado Castillo  
15. Eldon M. Ayala  
16. Ian González  
17. Norman R. García  
18. Angel Padilla  
19. Hugo Maysonet

**Flyers:**

¡Venta de Don Frappe!  
¡Ven y disfruta de un delicioso Frappe para atacar el calor!  

Sabores a escoger:  
- Nutella  
- Oreo  
- Frutas Mixtas  
- Fresa/Guineo  
- Strawberry Shortcake

Fecha: Martes, 4 de Abril de 2017 | Hora: 10:00 AM - 1:30 PM  
Lugar: Lobby de Stefani | Precio: $3.50

**Photos:**
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Chapter Project Report

Recurring Project

Project name: Engineering Futures
Date(s) of Project: May. 6, 2017

Project area: Community/Liberal Culture

Number of persons who participated in this project
Members: 0
Electees: 0

Hours spent on this project.
Organizing: 2.5
Participating: 0

DESCRIPTION:

I. General Description: Engineering Futures are a series of seminars where students are taught non-technical skills necessary for success in the workplace.

II. Purpose & Relationship to Objectives of TBP: The People Skills and Analytical Problem Solving modules were chosen for this session in order to complement the modules offered in the fall semester. These seminars, People Skills specifically, will help students become better professionals in the future in ways conventional classes cannot.

III. Organization & Administration: (in conjunction with another group?) No
The date at which this event would be held was heavily debated due to Easter break, sporting events and finals exams being in close proximity. On March 27, the Engineering Futures were requested for either April 29 or May 6, it got booked for May 6. On April 6, the University of Puerto Rico Mayagüez Campus went on indefinite strike to protest budget cuts, the facilitator in charge of these sessions was informed immediately and advised us to continue organizing the event. The facilitator was maintained informed throughout April regarding the situation. Come May, the Strike was still going so the session was cancelled, and even if the university had opened the week of the event, it would have been impossible to book a room, spread the word about the event and have working facilities by the time of the event.

IV. Cost & Personnel Requirements: $50 for the scheduling fee.

V. Special Problems: Event fell right in the middle of a 54-day long student strike prohibiting entrance to the university and all of its facilities. The strike lasted until May 31st.

VI. Overall Evaluation/Results (Be Specific): The Engineering Futures were cancelled a week and a half before the event due to the strike showing no signs of being lifted anytime soon, these 2 modules will be rescheduled for the fall semester.

VII. Index of Exhibits: N/A
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Chapter Project Report

Chapter: PR A
Project number: S-11

Recurring Project

Project name: Second General Assembly
Date(s) of Project: Jun. 20, 2017

Project area: Chapter/Social

Number of persons who participated in this project
Members: 9
Electees: 0

Hours spent on this project.
Organizing: 1
Participating: 1

DESCRIPTION:

I. General Description: Assembly held to inform the members about new and upcoming activities, as well as any other news regarding Tau Beta Pi and the university.

II. Purpose & Relationship to Objectives of TBP: The purpose of this assembly was to inform our members of the new officer vacancies, to elect new officers for the next semester (Fall 2017), and to accept payment from graduating members for the Tau Beta Pi stole.

III. Organization & Administration: (in conjunction with another group?) No
A room in the general engineering building was booked by the Vice President of Activities with no problems. The assembly was ran by the Vice President of Activities and the Vice President of Membership. The stole payments were also handled by the Vice President of Membership.

IV. Cost & Personnel Requirements: No expenses for this activity.

V. Special Problems: Low attendance and many vacant officer posts.

VI. Overall Evaluation/Results (Be Specific): Not many people nominated themselves for officer posts, and the amount of people leaving their posts resulted in a lot of vacancies. As of today the only filled posts are President, Vice President of Initiation, Vice President of Members, Environmental Activities Coordinator, Professional Development Coordinator, and Community Service Coordinator.

VII. Index of Exhibits:
1. Attendance

Attendance:
1. Angel L. Padilla
2. Rafael A Martinez
3. Michael C. Carmona
4. Raúl G. Cruz Quintero
5. Rafael A. Pérez Berrios
6. Isamar Amador Díaz  
7. Angel R. Seda Meléndez  
8. Josean J. Martínez Acosta  
9. Noel Ortíz León
Recurring Project

Project name: Officer Meetings  
Date(s) of Project: Biweekly on Tuesdays

Project area: Chapter/Social

Number of persons who participated in this project: 
Members: 13  Electees: 0

Hours spent on this project: 
Organizing: 10  Participating: 20

DESCRIPTION:

I. General Description: As required by the Bylaws, our chapter officers meet to discuss chapter related subjects, initiation process progress, organizing the next activities and delegate special tasks. On average, meetings took about 1.5 to 2 hours. The meeting are held in the afternoon, in a classroom or an activity room, usually the agenda is sent to the officers one day before the meeting.

II. Purpose & Relationship to Objectives of TBP: In order to offer activities and to better coordinate the initiation process, meetings were necessary to discuss both the activities planned for the following days and to keep up with the progress of the candidates.

III. Organization & Administration: (in conjunction with another group?) No
Chapter officer meetings are open to all members only if invited or directly involved with one of the activities, no other student organization participates in our officer meetings. Meetings follow the format established in our Bylaws, and are usually led by the President.

IV. Cost & Personnel Requirements: There were no expenses.

V. Special Problems: Since our office is very small, the lengthy process of booking a classroom has to be done each time a meeting will be held, which can sometimes lead to having no place to host the meeting or delays in getting the classroom opened.

VI. Overall Evaluation/Results (Be Specific): Assistance was usually 6-7 officers and any decisions were voted on if we achieved quorum by taking into account the amount of officers that regularly attend the meetings.

VII. Index of Exhibits:
1. List of Officers

List of Officers, Spring 2017:

President: Hector Crespo
Vice President of Initiation: Giovanni Gardón
Vice President of Activities  Angel Seda
Vice President of Members Angel Padilla
Secretary Stephannie Benítez
Treasurer Salimar Cordero
Public Affairs/Relations Hugo Maysonet
Historian Carlos Wah
Webmaster Norman García
Environmental Act. Coordinator Héctor Hidalgo
Professional Act. Coordinator Raúl Cruz
Social Act. Coordinator Ricem Díaz
Community Act. Coordinator Kiara Pozo
Advisors Josuan Hilerio Sánchez
Dr. Evi De la Rosa
Dr. Mayra Méndez
Dr. Sheilla Torres