

# TBP General Meeting

**Meeting called by:** Darren Smith

**Type of meeting:** General Meeting

**Advisors Present:** ( None )

**Note taker:** Darren Smith

**Attendees:**

Daniel Marquez, Khang Le, Mesgana Gebregorgis, Ronny John George, Eloisa Avalos, Sager Ahmad, Travis Tyer, Jane Powell, Valery Potakh, Quy Ngo, Christian Oscategui, Jude Nwoko, Stephen Hanusein, Chun Kit Chow, Daniel Betencourt, Lorena Vasquez, Darren Smith

## Minutes

**Agenda item:** Food Bank

**Presenter:** Darren Smith

**Discussion:**

Please bring items for the food drive and drop off in Tau Beta Pi's boxes up until Nov. 6<sup>th</sup>. We will take all items with us when we volunteer on Saturday November 6<sup>th</sup> from 9-12. Safety rules were discussed for working at the food bank. Most importantly are that no sandals are allowed. Also, personal items such as purses and cell phones must be left in your car.

**Agenda item:** National Convention

**Presenter:** Darren Smith

**Discussion:**

At the convention several changes were made to the constitution regarding eligibility for membership. These changes can be viewed in the office or on the national website. The new wording would make technology students eligible for membership in our society. We voted negative on the changes. If the changes are ratified however, we are allowed to modify our bylaws to exclude any groups which we deem not engineering curricula. The members present voted to approve of such changes to our bylaws.

**Agenda item:** Initiation

**Presenter:** Darren Smith

**Discussion:**

New members application packets and reference letters are due to the TBP office and the dean's office respectively by October 29. The banquet will be at Kim Son at 6:00p on November 14 and all current members are invited to attend. The guest fee will be \$15/person. The last volunteer activity for new initiates is the Food Bank. If you are unable to attend due to outstanding circumstances please speak with an officer to find an alternate activity.

**Agenda item:** Scholarships, Fellowships

**Presenter:** Darren Smith

**Discussion:**

Scholarships and Fellowships are available from Tau Beta Pi. Applications are available online or from the office. Headquarters has stated that there are twice as many scholarships available this year than last and that there are generally very few applicants, so be sure to apply!

**Agenda item:** Membership

**Presenter:** Darren Smith

**Discussion:**

Our chapter has been identified as a very weak chapter as far as projects and participation. Suggestions from HQ are to fine members not in attendance. This idea was rejected quickly. Another suggestion was to not allow non-active members from applying for scholarships or fellowships and not allowing them to purchase graduation stoles. Additionally we may offer a discount at the banquet to members who are active. The officers will be discussing ideas to implement next semester. Please let us know your thoughts.

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**Agenda item:** Programming Contest

**Presenter:** Darren Smith

**Discussion:**

The programming contest for high school students will be held on Saturday, January 29, 2005. We will need lots of help at the contest. Judges and runner will be needed the day of. Breakfast and lunch will be provided for those who volunteer from approximately 10a-1p. Additional volunteers will be needed from 9a-3p. Prior to the contest please submit ideas for programming problems. The contestants will be given a packet of 18 problems to solve as many as they can in 2 hours. Please submit ideas for problems (especially you non-EE majors) and I can help you write the entire problem. You do not need to be able to write the solution. Credit will be given to you in the packet.

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