

VT SEC Chapter Notes Aug 2016

Chapter:

- Nathan Peters, SEC Director, was in for site visit this past week (Wed – Sun) and met with officers and chapter members to assist them in starting out the chapter on the best footing for the semester.
- This semester is only the second semester the chapter has been operational on its own. Considering the chapter really did not get going until early March last semester, they are doing well. That said, as a young chapter, there are growing pains in getting to know each other and developing personally as well as a chapter.
- Main goals the Chapter is focused on:
 - Recruitment
 - Fully implemented BMP with Faculty Fellows support
 - Improving chapter operations
 - Finances are in good shape with budget being finalized, dues noticed, high collection with payment plans available, and funds in savings account
 - Brother Lionberger is mentoring the Chaplain re Standard Boards re member financial accountability, academic performance, and risk management
 - Developing a Strategic Plan to reach the above goals and become a high functioning chapter well into the future;
 - This past Sunday the entire chapter and the Radford chapter participated in a joint workshop with Faculty Fellow Dr. Bob Muir laying the foundation to develop a proper plan;
 - Next, the VT SEC chapter will perform a SWOT (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats) analysis of major impact areas;
 - Thereafter, they will be completing more workshops to complete the plan;
 - The EC met with Faculty Fellow Jason Oberoi to gain his insights on strategic planning.
 - The Strategic Plan will be developed for 5 years with milestones set for fall 2017 and fall 2019 to include re-chartering, becoming a Residential Learning Community, and a Buchanan Cup chapter.
- Balanced Man Scholarship Applicants
 - Recruiting applicants via email, social media and refer to the website application page www.virginiatechsigep.org
 - BMP Scholarship Banquet Saturday October 22nd – time TBD (12:00 or 1:00 pm start) at VT Alumni Inn. Funds needed to be donated to the BMS Scholarship Fund at the SigEp Education Foundation to fund four \$1,000 scholarships and the banquet costs. As last year, finalists' parents and University officials will be invited to attend the banquet. Alumni are welcomed.
- Good solid applicant pool so far 60 – 70 applications; interviews to start soon

- Recruitment Goals
 - Chapter currently has 27 members. The chapter is looking to extend bids to 6 potential new members and the recruitment committee will be vetting others the brothers are putting forward to the recruitment committee. Formal recruitment starts next week, Sept 5-18.
 - Chapter looking to add 15 - 20 new members this fall and 15-20 spring 2017
 - Rapid growth doubling manpower by next semester
- Chapter Officers are tasked with implementing goals for their individual committees for the semester.
- Officer Transition by the end of the semester – Provide Continuity
 - Look for a member to take on officer's role and assist in training

Mentors:

- We have added Jason Oberoi Asst Dir. Corps of Cadets Leadership Track as a Faculty Fellow; Traci Wiess mentor for the Sigma and Phi Challenge Coordinator; Stephen Henninger mentor for Brother Mentor Challenge Coordinator; and Brother Sean O'Leary mentor for VP Recruitment. Very pleased to have these talented mentors on our team. Several other mentor positions are being filled at this time.
- All mentors are being invited to the AVC meeting on Saturday, September 24th.
- Austin Chapman, BMP Director; Callie Verderosa, Volunteer Engagement Manager; and Nate Peters, SEC Director will be attending the AVC on Saturday, September 24th, and will be leading mentor training on Sunday, September 25th at 1:00PM at Bishop-Favrao Hall, Room 210.

Discussion:

- Growth and management of rapid growth
 - Keeping chapter operations soundly in place
 - Proper vetting of new members
 - Integration of new members into the chapter
 - Fully Integrated Balanced Man Program
 - Guarding against the reward of being in Oak Lane (too much too fast) versus keeping their attention on the above items and managing the growth of the chapter properly
- Chartering not as a finish line but establishing and maintaining a high functioning chapter that becomes a top organization on campus well into the future.