

SPS Project Award Application for Sigma Pi Sigma

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Narrative: The purpose of this application is to request funds to conduct a Sigma Pi Sigma induction ceremony at UNA. We have not had a very active SPS and Sigma Pi Sigma activities and have not had a honors society induction in about 4 years. We are trying to renew our club, and want to recognize deserving students. This year we will induct two new students into Sigma Pi Sigma. We plan to invite all our previous Sigma Pi Sigma inductees that we are able to contact to attend as well as the family and friends of the inductees. We will begin the ceremony with a guest talk by an alumni. We plan to invite Sigma Pi Sigma member and UNA alumnus Dr. Dan Bailey to give this talk. He is located in Atlanta, and does medical physics. This fits into our larger objective to get students to consider careers related to physics outside academia and to get lectures by people who work in physics fields not conducted by our small department. We also hope to have a lecture about acoustics, after contact was made with the Acoustical Society at PhysCon. We plan to have an invited lecture talk about neurophysics from Auburn professor Michael Gramlich in the New Year, as well. After the lecture we will have the ceremony itself, and then a reception.

Budget:

We estimate the travel distance from Atlanta to be 250 miles each way, for a total of 500 miles. The UNA travel mileage rate is \$0.58 for a total of \$290 for the speaker travel. We examined the room rate for the local Hampton Inn to be \$101/night. For two nights that is \$202. This brings out budget to \$492. We will be applying for UNA Student allocations to fund other expenses such as the reception and materials.