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Synopsis: Petition of Boise State University to Install A Chapter

Boise State University (BSU), Boise, ID, has petitioned the National Council to install a chapter of Chi Epsilon. When installed, Boise State University will become the first Chi Epsilon Chapter in the State of Idaho.

Students and faculty at BSU formed Tau Lambda Rho in the summer of 2017 as the school’s civil engineering honor society. Thomas Robbins, the first president, and Aubrey Thomas, president-elect for the spring 2018 semester have been in contact with me throughout the process. Tau Lambda Rho has had several new members and each semester, those students are selected as members who have met the requirement of being in the top third of the class, and show excellence in practicality, sociability, and good character. To date, there have been a total of 26 Tau Lambda Rho members.

Boise State University was founded in 1932. The Department of Civil Engineering was established in 1996 and has been ABET accredited since August 10, 1997. The Department has graduated between 35 to 63 (average 45) civil engineering graduates during the past five years. In addition to the Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering degree program, the Department of Civil Engineering also offers Master of Science in Civil Engineering (thesis) and Master of Engineering in Civil Engineering (non-thesis) and an interdisciplinary Master of Science in Hydrologic Sciences degree programs.

The prospective chapter has the enthusiastic support of the Dean of Engineering, The Chair of Civil Engineering, and all of the Department’s tenured and tenure-track faculty members.

Based on observations during video calls, emails, and review of minutes produced by the local honor society, it is my opinion they are ready to become the next chapter of Chi Epsilon. Accordingly, I enthusiastically recommend approval of this petition.

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