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The spring semester of 2018 consisted of multiple events at Montana Tech. First, the semi-annual Club Rush event, where student members educate, and recruit interested students as new members of their respective clubs. In the past this event has spurred further growth of the NASTT chapter, but this year came out as a wash due to graduating students and an overall decline in enrollment. Our normal meetings are usually joined with two other clubs (American Association of Drilling Engineers, and Society of Petroleum Engineers), and continue to intrigue with further education of Trenchless Technology. The chapter attempted to expand its reach to Montana Tech's Highland's Campus in conjunction with the developing two and four-year Construction Management Degree Program. This had great potential but didn't turn out to be productive for NASTT or the existing programs. Additionally, three students were grateful to attend the 2018 No-Dig Show in Palm Springs California. Although they have the ability to continue NASTT at Montana Tech, two will graduate in May of 2019, and the other left the school for other educational opportunities.

Since returning from summer break, students have generated interest with physical products such as embroidered hats, and an official Rocky Mountain NASTT banner. These were utilized on multiple occasions throughout the semester. Former advisor Professor Larry Hunter found resistance from the Civil Engineering Department at Montana Tech when attempting to further NASTT. This may be due to modifications in

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faculty positions and declining university enrollment. The NASTT student chapter has bounced between departments without over-stepping any boundary's or pulling students from long-existing clubs on campus. We felt it was necessary to stay less aggressive in our approach with the new changes/developments on campus. Professor Larry Hunter has since left Montana Tech to pursue consulting work. We appreciate all his contributions to NASTT and wish him well in his next adventure.

Our chapter's patience has been rewarded with the head of our Mining Department; Dr. Scott Rosenthal stepping up to serve as our new advisor. Dr. Rosenthal sees the value NASTT provides for Montana Tech's students and is willing to fill the gap while we properly place NASTT within the Civil Engineering Department. We have had a reduction of events and less official meetings this semester, and this will be corrected as we continue in 2019. The Student Activity Grant Application has been submitted, for student assistance not to exceed our fundraising contributions for student attendance at the No-Dig Show.

Going forward, we plan to find the right people to continue our chapter for the benefit of other students at Montana Tech. If this is not feasible or our efforts fail to have a net-positive effect on campus, we will actively communicate with NASTT to determine a new direction for the Montana Tech Student Chapter. Thank you for your time and attention.

Sincerely,

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