2014-2015 Annual Chapter Report

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**Name of School/College:** Wayne State University, Eugene Applebaum College of Pharmacy   
 and Health Sciences

**Chapter Name and Region:** Alpha Chi Chapter, Region IV - E

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**Date Delegate name was submitted to Rho Chi:** February 2015

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**Number of Rho Chi Student Members:**

Class of 2015: 20

Class of 2016: 20

Class of 2017: 19

**Meetings**:

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| Date | Attendance | Agenda | Action Steps |
| 6/4/2014  Old and New officers meeting | All old officers  All new officers  Faculty advisors | * Events & activities from previous year * Officer roles and responsibilities * Successes and areas for improvement for next year * New ideas for the upcoming year | * Brainstorm ideas to improve and advance chapter for upcoming year * President to begin P1/P3 mentorship matching * Vice president to organize fall tutoring assignments * Maintenance of Cabrini Clinic volunteering * Setup new bank account. |
| 8/25/2014  Executive board meeting | All executive board members | * Mentor/mentee introduction program * Committee composition * Date for general member meeting * Date for the fall pasta lunch * Interview etiquette presentation | * Mentor/mentee program 9/3. Presentation & guest speakers finalized. * Established committee size based on feedback from last year: * Pasta sale will 11/5. Commons reserved. * Melanie will invite Dr. Abraham to speak at the interview etiquette presentation. |
| 9/8/2014  First General Meeting | All members and faculty advisor | * Recap of summer events * Committee sign-up * Cabrini Clinic sign-up for the fall * Fundraising: Pasta Luncheon, Yankee Candles * Interview etiquette presentation & Mock Interviews * Delegates for national meeting * Date for next meeting | * All members signed up for at least one committee * Tutoring assignments: published for fall and winter semester. Additional help needed the day of the mock practical. Two volunteers. * Continue Cabrini Clinic volunteering. Sign-up will be sent out through Doodle Poll. * Pasta lunch: 11/5. Google doc for sign up will be sent out. * Yankee Candle fundraiser sales from Sept 15 – Oct 13. Online sales continue through January. * Dr. Abraham will present interview etiquette. * Mock interview committee will meet next month and plan mock interviews in early November |
| 10/20/14  Second Executive Board Meeting | All executive board members | * Fundraising update * Mock practical/tutoring update * Mock interview committee update * Banquet planning * Delegate for national meeting | * Fundraising update: Yankee Candle continue until January. Pasta lunch scheduled for 11/5. Sign-up sheet distributed through Google Docs. * Tutoring update: Working with Dr. Miller and P1 Class president to schedule a date. Target Nov. * Mock Interviews: Will conducted the first 3 weeks of November. Sign-up will be blinded. * Banquet: Committee exploring ways to utilize the auditorium stage for ceremony. * National Mtg: submitted travel request to Dean. |
| 1/9/15  Third Executive Board Meeting | All executive board members | * National Meeting Delegate(s) * Banquet/Lakey winner status * LKS Study Seminar Request * Fundraising Update * General Membership meeting | * National Meeting: Survey members to determine interest. $600 travel support for each delegate approved through Dean’s Office * Lakey: Pharmaceutical Sciences narrowing list. * LKS study Seminar: LKS requested for their membership. Rawan volunteered and will hold seminar before the end of January. * Fundraising: On-line candle sales end next week. |
| 1/16/15  Second General Meeting | All members, faculty advisor | * Rho Chi National Meeting * Tutoring update * LKS Study Skills Seminar * Fundraising Update * Website Committee Update * Lakey Winner and Banquet Committee update * Mock Interview Results | * National Meeting: Dean’s office approved travel support. Rawan designated Chapter Delegate. * Tutoring Update: Mock practicals very successful. Had to add a 2nd date. * LKS study skills seminar: New event this year. Rawan conducted this for LKS * Fundraising update: $154 - Yankee Candles. Pasta luncheon - $328. Winter fundraiser date will be finalized when banquet is set. * Website committee: complete by mid-February f. * Lakey winner/banquet: Dept of Pharmaceutical Sciences narrowing candidates. Members agreed to concur with dept recommendation. * Mock interview: Positive feedback from students & faculty. Possible improvement is extending the sessions. Blinded sign-up worked well. |
| 3/13/15  Fourth Executive Board Meeting | All executive board members | * Website Committee Update * Fundraising Update * Lakey Lecture and banquet planning * Other business | * Website: several new internships identified. * Fundraising update: Bake sale on Monday March 30th. Donation rather than set item pricing. * Banquet: Scheduled for April 8th. Dr. Philip Low is thus year’s winner. DOSO funding approved * Other Business: Logo completed for docs. Open slots for Cabrini clinic. |
| 4/16/14  Election of new officers | Chapter officers, new initiates, and chapter advisor | * Give overview of what our chapter has done this year * Details on roles and expectations of each officer position * Nominations and election of new officers * Transition meeting date | * General overview of Alpha Chi activities and involvement throughout the year * Each officer explained their roles and responsibilities * Nominations taken * Election of new officers through Survey Monkey * Transition meeting: 4/21/15 |

**Strategic Planning:**

Our Alpha Chi chapter continues to use the mission of the Rho Chi Society as a guideline to help guide our activities, events, and goals throughout the year. Our chapter recognizes excellence in intellectual achievement and the advancement of the profession by selecting a candidate to receive our annual Roland T. Lakey Award, which is given to an individual that has made a significant impact in the field of pharmacy. We encourage high standards of conduct and character by volunteering at underserved clinics in the heart of Detroit to help provide healthcare to those who cannot otherwise afford it. The members of our chapter foster fellowship by providing tutoring services, mentorship programs, and offering mock interviews for the P3 class. We maintained our scholarship/internship website for pharmacy students to expand and benefit from opportunities outside of the college and organized an “interview etiquette” lecture to aid third year students on their interviews for fourth year APPE placements. Furthermore, we were able to participate in events held by organizations such as APhA-ASP, Phi Lambda Sigma and Lambda Kappa Sigma to enhance collaboration between different organizations. Rho Chi was also represented this academic year in the Pharmacy Student Advisory Committee (PSAC) formed of various student leaders working in conjunction with Dean Slaughter, as well as the Dean’s Student Advisory Committee (DSAC), coordinated by the Dean’s Office.

**Activities:**

The table in Appendix 1 summarizes the main activities of the Alpha Chi Chapter for this past academic year.

**Financial/Budgeting:**

The main expenses for our chapter this year was the Annual Initiation Banquet and the purchasing of our graduation cords. The charge for the banquet covered most of the expenses. The charge for new students initiates to attend the banquet was generously sponsored by several faculty member donations and the Department of Pharmacy Practice. This further demonstrates the commitment of our faculty to promoting academic excellence. In addition, our chapter purchased the Rho Chi graduation cords for each member. Refer to Appendix 2 for Detailed Financial Breakdown for the past academic year.

**Initiation Function:**

The 2015 initiation ceremony for new members was held in conjunction with the annual Roland T. Lakey Award Lecture. The event was held on Wednesday April 8, 2015 from 4:00 – 7:30 PM at the Eugene Applebaum College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences in Detroit, Michigan. Our chapter inducted 19 new student members and 2 faculty members into the Alpha Chi Chapter.

The initiation banquet was held immediately following the Lakey lecture and was attended by Rho Chi initiates and their guests. Dr. Philip Low was the distinguished speaker at this function and was awarded the Roland T. Lakey Award. In addition, the following faculty members attended the banquet:

Professor Richard Slaughter, Associate Dean of Pharmacy

Dr. Brian Crabtree, Professor and Chair of the Department of Pharmacy Practice

Dr. George Corcoran, Professor and Chair of the Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences

Dr. Mary Beth O’Connell, Associate Professor of Pharmacy Practice

Dr. Lynette Moser, Associate Professor of Pharmacy Practice

Dr. Paul Kilgore, Associate Professor of Pharmacy Practice

Dr. Olivia Merkel, Assistant Professor, Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences

Dr. Randall Commissaris, Associate Professor, Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences

**Evaluation/Reflection:**

Our chapter is very happy with and proud of our work this past year. We have been very active and continue to gain recognition throughout our college as well as our community. Our tutoring services and fundraisers have been a huge success and we owe that to having broad participation and cooperation from our members. We take pride in having every member involved in our chapter’s success through work championed by the various committees. Our activities incorporate students in all four years of pharmacy, faculty, other campus organizations, and patients in our community. We have expanded our roles as students to include mentors, facilitators, practitioners, and volunteers.

Our goal for improvement is to find more ways to provide services to our college and community to increase academic excellence and foster fellowship. We would also like to continue to increase our visibility in the college by incorporating a wider audience in our activities, and identify and fill in gaps in our program.

Our chapter has implemented new initiatives and improved traditional activities to better integrate the Rho Chi mission and achieve the goals set forth by the Rho Chi Society. We will continue to strive for excellence and develop our chapter as the years progress. We are proud of what we have accomplished this year and are excited for our new members to implement their ideas.

Respectfully submitted,

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**Appendix 1 – Chapter Activities Report**

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| Alpha Chi Chapter, Wayne State University Activity Table | | | | | | | |  |
| Category of Activity1 | Title of Activity | Brief Description2 | How Does This Activity Align With the Rho Chi Mission Statement? | Years the Activity has Been Ongoing? | If Activity has Been Ongoing for >1 Year, What Evaluations Have Been Done to Assess the Success of the Activity and What Improvements Have Been Done Over the Past Year? | How Many Members Participated in the Activity? | How Many Students (non-members) and/or Patients were impacted by the Activity? | Financial Information for the Activity [Budget Required, Fundraising Amount] |
| Intellectual Leadership Activities | Tutoring | Tutoring services for pharmacy students. Each member assigned a first year course to tutor. Members conducted individual and group tutoring sessions. Sponsored mock practicals for P1 patient care lab. | Encourages intellectual achievement, contributes to the development of intellectual leaders | > 62 | Surveyed past members and participants.  A second mock practical was added this year to improve the service and meet student requests. | All | > 100 | N/A |
| Intellectual Leadership Activities | Mock Interviews | Organized mock interviews to help third year students gain interview experience and receive feedback. Mock interviews were 20 minutes in length and conducted by faculty and preceptors. | Development of intellectual leaders, promotes highest ethical standards | 2 years | Surveyed past members and participants.  Blinded student sign-up and had students provide CV’s to interviewers. | 5 members of the mock interview committee | ~ 35 | N/A |
| Intellectual Leadership Activities | Interview Etiquette Seminar | Interview Etiquette Seminar in conjunction with APPE information session. Presentation covered appropriate attire, punctuality, common questions, and presenters experiences as an interviewer and interviewee. | Development of intellectual leaders, promotes high ethical standards, collaboration | 4 years | Surveyed previous board members | President | All P3 students | N/A |
| Intellectual Leadership Activities | Scholarship and Internship Website | Updated website with information about pharmacy scholarships and internships. | Development of intellectual leaders, promotes highest ethical standards | 4 years | Surveyed previous board members  Included Ontario internships for Canadian students | 3 | All Pharmacy program students | N/A |
| Intellectual Leadership Activities | Study Skills Seminar | Created and developed a study skills seminar at the request of LKS for their members. | Encourages intellectual achievement, promotes high ethical standards, collaboration | New Initiative | N/A | 2 | Impacted all LKS members that attended the seminar | N/A |
| Patient Outreach / Community Service | Cabrini Clinic Volunteering | Members volunteered in the pharmacy at a local Detroit underserved clinic. | Promotes high ethical standards, collaboration | 10 years | Surveyed past members.  Electronic sign-up | ~8 | Impacted patients that sought care at the Clinic | N/A |
| Patient Outreach / Community Service | Charitable Contribution | Donated $200 to the Cabrini Clinic. | Promotes high ethical standards, collaboration | Ongoing | N/A | All | Patients who seek care at the clinic | See Appendix 2 |
| College of Pharmacy Events | Mentorship Program | Program pairs first year students with third year students to serve as mentors. | Intellectual achievement & leadership, collaboration | 8 years | Updated survey for better matching | President / All | All P1 & P3 students (~200) | N/A |
| College of Pharmacy Events | Roland T. Lakey Award Lecture | In conjunction with faculty, the chapter selected Dr. Philip Low to receive the Roland T. Lakey award.  Dr. Low is a pioneer in research of Ligand-Targeted Imaging & Therapeutic Agents for Cancer, Autoimmune, & Infectious Diseases and the Ralph C. Corley Distinguished Professor of Chemistry at Purdue University. | Encourages and recognizes intellectual achievement, fosters collaboration | 50 years | Surveyed past board members.  Upgraded photography for event. Applied for and received a grant to fund a reception following the lecture. | 10 | All students, faculty, and staff that attend the event.  The event is free and open to the public and advertised campus wide. | N/A |
| College of Pharmacy Events | College Committees | A representative of Rho Chi was involved in the Pharmacy Student Advisory Committee (PSAC) and Dean’s Student Advisory Committee (DSAC). | Fosters collaboration. | Ongoing | N/A | 1 | Leaders from other student orgs | N/A |
| Fundraising Events | Fundraising | Pasta Lunch, Yankee Candle Sale, Bake Sale | Supports all activities related to the Rho Chi Mission | 8 years | Surveyed past members.  Enhanced menu selection at pasta luncheon. Implemented Yankee Candle Sale (new this year) | All | N/A | Refer to Appendix 2 |

**Appendix 2**

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| Transaction/Item | Amount Debited | Amount  Credited | Balance | Comment |
| Initial deposit |  | 425.00 | $420.00 | Balance from last year |
| Yankee Candle deposit |  | 58.50 | $483.50 | Earnings from fundraiser |
| Pasta Luncheon deposit |  | 328.00 | $811.50 | Earnings from fundraiser |
| Yankee Candle invoice | 31.32 |  | $760.18 | Costs for Yankee Candles |
| Yankee Candle deposit |  | 106.40 | $886.58 | Earnings from fundraiser |
| New Initiate Banquet Payment |  | 1300.00 | $2186.58 | Deposit for new member fees |
| Yankee Candle deposit |  | 5.60 | $2192.18 | Earnings from fundraiser |
| New Initiate Banquet Payment |  | 65.00 | $2257.18 | Deposit for new member fees |
| Banquet invoice | 1365.00 |  | $892.18 | Payment to Rho Chi national for new member fees |
| Bake Sale deposit |  | 159.75 | $1051.93 | Earnings from fundraiser |
| Banquet Decorations invoice | 50.00 |  | $1001.93 | Costs for balloons and center pieces for initiation ceremony |
| Honor Cords Invoice | 275.00 |  | $726.93 | Graduation cords for class of 2016 student members |
| Cabrini Clinic Donation | 200.00 |  | $526.93 | Charitable contribution to local underserved clinic |