

Annual Chapter Report Outline

Please complete your Annual Chapter Report and submit to the National Office by May 15.

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Introduction

The Alpha Kappa chapter underwent many changes last year, and now the chapter has become an active chapter. This year, the chapter was able to have two big events. The first one was a mock drug card exam for the first year class. Every year, the first year class has a drug card exam on the top 150 drugs, and this is a stressful time since the format of the test may be unknown. Our chapter came together and put together a test similar in format to that of the real drug card exam and provided it to first years. The second event was a mock lab practical which was similar in format to that of the real practical that students take at the end of the semester. This once again helped relieve a lot of uncertainty in format and content for the class on what the lab practical is like. Both of these events were successful based on the survey that was sent out to the participants.

The chapter also established a mentor/mentee program between a Rho Chi member and an incoming first year student. The purpose of the program was to help smooth the transition into pharmacy school by answering questions in regards to school or other matters. This program worked really well based on a survey that was sent out.

Candidates for this year were identified in December 2017 and initiated in March 2018. The hope is that the chapter will continue to grow and become more active.

Meetings Please provide information on meetings held in the following tabular format

Date	Attendance	Agenda	Action Steps
2017-08-31	About 20 members	Layout for the semester New Business such as cords and mentor/mentee program Do's and do not's of mentor/mentee program	none
2017-10-19	About 20 members	Feedback about the mentor/mentee program Talk about the mock drug card test and come up with the exam	none

Strategic Planning: What goals were set that relate to the Rho Chi mission?

Our goal for the year was to put on events which contributed to the Rho Chi mission. As tradition, we inducted the top 20% of the second year class and recognized their intellectual achievement in front of their friends and family. Our chapter's goal was to hold at least two new events in the year, and we actually held three. Our first event was a mock drug card exam for the

first year students. This event helped encourage intellectual achievement of the first year students. The mock test was made by about 20 members of Rho Chi and fostered collaboration to be made. The second event was a mock lab practical. This event also encouraged intellectual achievement for the first year class and involved collaboration to be made. Our third event was a 4th year panel in which students could ask questions about rotations or residency to one of the six members on the panel. This event helped stimulate inquiry to advance pharmacy for those in attendance. Lastly, our mentor/ mentee year long program had three main focuses. First, it focused on encouraging intellectual achievement among the mentee's. Second, this program fostered collaboration as the mentee/ mentor pairs worked through questions and problems the mentee's faced. Third, this program helped to develop intellectual leaders as the Rho Chi members served as role models to the first year mentee's. Furthermore, we wanted to make more students aware of what Rho Chi is and how to become a member. Rho Chi presented at first year orientation for the first time this year and became an active member of the DSAC committee.

Activities

This is the first year that the Alpha Kappa chapter became active. All the activities are new initiatives.

Mock Drug Card Exam

This event was held for the current first year students in the Fall semester. The purpose of the event was to help students feel prepared for the first big drug card exam of the year. This is a test that can be quite daunting if you do not know what to expect, so taking a practice test can help to ease their nerves. The mock drug card exam was made in collaboration with about 20 Rho Chi members. 100 first year students attended the mock exam and almost all felt it was helpful and should be given again next year to the first year class.

Mock Lab Practical

The mock lab practical was an event held for students in their first year of pharmacy school. The actual lab practical students often have to retake due to high anxiety, so we felt this would be a good opportunity to do a practice run. The mock lab practical was designed to replicate the real lab practical as far as timing, switching stations and set up of lab stations. We had about 90 first year students participate in the mock lab practical and about 8 Rho Chi members run the lab practical. The first year students found the mock lab practical to be very helpful and recommend this event again next year.

4th Year Question & Answer Panel

This event was open to all students in the College of Pharmacy and was a one hour session of questions and answers from students of all years. The students asked questions about rotations during 4th year and about the residency process as all seven members of the panel had also matched with a residency program. These programs included Emory, Inova Fairfax, VA and others. This was a collaborative event between Rho Chi and Phi Lambda Sigma. Five panel members were Rho Chi members. About 50 students attended the event.

Mentor/Mentee Program

At the beginning of the year, both first year students and Rho Chi members were asked if they

would like to participate in the Mentor/ Mentee program. Those students who wished to participate filled out an information form. This form was then used to appropriately pair first year students with Rho Chi members. Mentor's were advised to help students get acquainted with Athens, and any adjustments they have throughout first year. Students often talked about study strategies, places to eat in Athens and much more.

Financial Budgeting

none

Installation Function

Initiation was of current second year students. The ceremony was held on March 21, 2018 at the Georgia Center for Continuing Education at UGA in Athens, GA. Twenty-seven students were initiated. Attendees included the initiates, family members, and faculty members. Dr. Duke (faculty advisor) presided over the ceremony. The speaker was Dr. Brian Seagraves who is a UGA faculty member in Athens.

Evaluation/Reflection

This year was spent evaluating current processes and putting pieces into place to be consistent with national bylaws and have the opportunity to jump start the organization for 2018-2019. The chapter had not been active in the past, so this year was a big step for our chapter.

The mentor/mentee program was a great way for Rho Chi to get their name out to first year students early on. Students had a resource available to them starting very early in the semester who could help them both acclimate to Athens, GA and pharmacy school. Starting pharmacy school can be quite a daunting task if you have no idea what to expect, so this program really helped ease the transition for first year students. A survey was sent to the mentees, and the feedback was positive. We hope that they will continue this program next year, and there will be even more participation from both the mentors and mentees.

The mock drug card exam and mock lab practical are two events that we are quite proud of and were a success. When trying to decide what events to put on for the chapter, we wanted to ensure the events would foster academic achievement for the students that participated. These two events did a great job of doing that. Once again, surveys were sent out for both events. Overall, the events had a positive response with ideas of how we can make the events better. When we made both the mock exam and practical, the Rho Chi members did it based on how ours were, but it has changed over the years, so the first year students provided us with feedback with how they have changed. For next year, we hope that they are able to use this feedback and continue the two events. Another great aspect of these events was the faculty involvement. The faculty that are in charge of the real drug card exam and lab practical participated in preparing the materials and showed up to both events to show support.

The fourth year residency panel was an informative event for all those that are interested in pursuing a residency after graduation. It is great that Rho Chi was able to partner with Phi Lambda Sigma to put this event on. The best thing about this question and answer session was that students could ask candid questions that they may not feel comfortable asking a professor or

in front of a professor. Some members attended and found this session to be quite helpful in answering burning questions they had before beginning rotations.

Overall, the Alpha Kappa Chapter of Rho Chi is pleased with the results of this year and all that we were able to accomplish. The hope is that next year, the chapter will continue these events while taking feedback into account, and hopefully grow some more. A good area for our chapter to grow is to choose a philanthropy and fundraise. This has been discussed with the incoming executive members, and hopefully they are able to accomplish this!

Other Information

We look forward to an exciting 2018-2019 year!