

## **Annual Chapter Report Outline**

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

**Date of report submission:** 2018-05-15

**Name of School/College:** The University of Kansas

**Chapter Name & region:** Alpha Rho / Gulf Coast Region VI

**Delegate who attended the Rho Chi Annual Meeting:** Zoe Bryant & Jordanne Adolphsen

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## Introduction

Number of Rho Chi student members at college or school, listed by class year and program (and by campus if more than one campus):

Class of 2017-18: 30

Class of 2018-19: 29

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

Date	Attendance	Agenda	Action Steps
2017-04-04	2016- 2017 members: 28 & 2017- 2018 members: 29	Chapter Review: events and activities from the 2106-2017 year – successes and areas for improvement; Nominations and election of new officers; plan for transition meeting; presentation of graduation honor cords for 2016- 2017 members	Overview of Alpha Rho Chapter's responsibilities and those of its members, officer roles and responsibilities discussed, voting of new executive members completed, and a date was set for transition meeting
2017-05-04	2016- 2017 & 2017- 2018 board members	Transition Meeting: Officer roles and responsibilities, Hand-off of documents, Strategic Planning for the 2017-2018 Academic Year	Discussed options for improving chapter activities next year, officers explained their duties and areas of potential improvement, transferred documents created and used throughout the year to the new officers, created general outline for the upcoming year
2018-08-30	2017- 2018 Members: 28	First General Meeting: Welcome new class, outline member responsibilities and opportunities, review tutoring expectations and introduce sign-up documents, discuss fundraising and new opportunities, review fall event calendar – socials, meetings, community service, etc.	Welcomed new class via social at the end of the meeting and took a class picture, reviewed mission of Rho Chi and honor cord requirements, set up date for meet the tutor event – 9.28.17, released documents outlining tutoring expectations and sign-ups (filled tutoring room M-F from 12-1pm + class liaisons), implemented polls to determine social dates and fundraising preferences

2017-09-15	2017- 2018 board members	Strategic Planning for the Fall of 2017 Academic Semester & 2017-2018 Academic Year, Chapter Updates, Fundraising Update, Fall Event Update, New Ideas	Finalized calendar for the Fall of 2017, discussed fundraising opportunities, tutoring scheduled and timeline created, organized a Meet the Tutors Event held by executive board the following week, agenda planned for key points of general meeting on 9.27.17
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**Strategic Planning:** What goals were set that relate to the Rho Chi mission?

\*\*\*\* Please see "Other Information" for additional meetings not listed above \*\*\* – formatting online would not allow for additional submissions

The Alpha Rho Chapter of the Rho Chi Society, for the 2017-2018 academic year, strived to serve its members, the Lawrence and Wichita communities, and the University Of Kansas School of Pharmacy Community. The chapter embraces the mission, ideals and goals of our national organization. Our chapter continually evolves to better represent the spirit of Rho Chi. The goals we established for our chapter this year followed closely with the mission and vision of the Rho Chi. A goal was set to continue our historically successful chapter projects, while still successfully implementing a new chapter project. We stimulated critical inquiry within our tutoring program, fostered collaboration with our fellow students and student organizations, recognized intellectual achievement with member of the month awards and Teacher of the Year Awards, and developed intellectual leadership by holding a seminar for the new class of pharmacy students. At this seminar we answered questions and gave advice on how to succeed in pharmacy school, and reach their full potential. As always, we continued to promote a high ethical standard within our chapter, school of pharmacy, and community. We completed this mission through finding new volunteering opportunities, and holding several events and presentations. We also adjusted the initiation ceremony to enhance our recognition of the intellectual achievement of newly initiated students and promoted continued excellence of the students in our pharmacy program.

## Activities

The Alpha Rho chapter of Rho Chi had many activities during the 2017-2018 academic year that were ongoing from prior years, and began new activities to promote intellectual achievement. One of our ongoing activities included tutoring sessions held at the University of Kansas School of Pharmacy in both the Lawrence and Wichita Campuses. We held several “Meet and Greet the Tutors” to drum up excitement about the tutoring program. In Lawrence, these sessions were held Monday through Friday from 1200-1300, and were offered every week during the school year. In Wichita, they were held Tuesday through Thursday from 1200-1300 as well. We established specific tutoring liaisons for each class in the pharmacy school curriculum to aid in additional tutoring sessions. These liaisons were utilized for more detailed and thorough tutoring on a subject and were open hours outside of the established tutoring time. We encouraged each active member to serve as a liaison of their choice in an area that they were passionate about and

felt they had excelled in. This allowed us to utilize our members to their highest potential and have effective tutoring services. We also organized specific tutoring review sessions to reach multiple students at a time. Each member was required to staff the tutoring room at least four times per year and serve as a liaison for a course. We also kept a record of all students that utilized tutoring services to provide co-curriculum points at the school of pharmacy. We were able to assist a large group of students this year and are very proud of this accomplishment. We received resounding praise from the faculty, deans, and fellow students. The tutoring was provided to continue our dedication to Rho Chi's mission of stimulating critical inquiry by helping others to achieve their intellectual potential.

Our members gave a seminar to the new students at the University of Kansas School of Pharmacy. We discussed study habits, time management, and other skills that have helped our progression through pharmacy school and eventually becoming Rho Chi members. The seminar also included an open forum to address issues and concerns of the students. This seminar received great feedback from the students and the deans at the School of Pharmacy. This will be a tradition continued in future years. This event also aided in our mission to foster collaboration and develop intellectual leadership in our chapter.

Our chapter had members attend various philanthropic events in the community throughout the year. We were able to fundraise and participate in the Barn Party, an event held to raise funds for Leukemia and Lymphoma Society Holiday Party. This party provided memories for many deserving children with life-threatening illnesses and their families in northeast Kansas. This event gave them the opportunity to have a time away from the hospital and treatments, and to enjoy the holidays with their families. We were also able to adopt five families in the Lawrence, Kansas City, and Wichita areas for the holidays. Through the success of fundraising, we had additional funds to allocate. The chapter voted on making a sizable donation to the Salvation Army. We were also able to volunteer at the Boys & Girls Club in Lawrence, Kansas on occasion. At this event we participated in activities with kids after school including recess, various play and dance times, homework, snacks, and gym time.

The Alpha Rho chapter held eight general meetings, with executive meetings typically occurring the week prior. In order to foster timely and efficient communication between our members, an organization BlackBoard page was set up. In an ongoing presentation style that was performed the year before us, we invited P4's currently on rotations to present on a topic of their choosing. This provided us insight into rotations and knowledge on certain topics that we might not have covered in our didactic coursework. We also utilized this time as an opportunity to get to know our fellow students and brainstorm ideas on how to improve our chapter and presence on campus. The members utilized the remaining time in the meeting to assist each other with coursework and tutoring styles. As the academic honor society, we tabled at all school wide events to distribute information about our chapter and how to utilize our services. Our chapter President, Kristen Fischer, attended all student council meetings in the school of pharmacy to ensure that our chapter was able to assist at school functions and foster collaboration for its members. We also held two socials during the year to provide a reward for the hard work of our members and to foster friendships that we hope will last a lifetime.

Fundraising for our chapter was completed through several avenues. A main source of revenue was with the organization of The School of Pharmacy's white coats. We collected payment from students, assisted in the ordering of the coats, and reimbursed the funds to the Dean's office for the cost of the coats. We collected a small margin of profit, but due to the sheer number of coats, this was a large source of revenue. We also sold badge clips, a class quote t-shirt, Rho Chi

latte's, and a class wide shirt. The badges were advertised to students going on rotations and were great sellers. The class wide t-shirt, designed by our Vice President, was a huge success. Due to its success, we ordered an additional shipment to sell throughout the year. We have leftover shirts that are a potential source of revenue for future classes. We sold the latte's and other warm beverages twice during the winter months. We also utilized this opportunity to disseminate more information about the tutoring program. The latte's were made with a recipe from one of our members and were very popular. Our class quote t-shirt was from Dr. Dobrowski, "Pre-Diabetes, is NOT Diabetes." The class loved this shirt and we sold many. The money we raised selling these items allowed us to fund our various philanthropic events, initiation and socials for our organization.

The Rho Chi Teacher of the Year Award was presented to Dr. Ryan Altman, a Medicinal Chemistry teacher and first time award recipient. Dr. Altman gave a wonderful keynote lecture during the Class of 2020 Initiation Ceremony, was presented with a plaque, recognized at the hooding ceremony for the class of 2018, and recognized by the Deans at the School of Pharmacy. Dr. Altman is highly regarded among his peers, students, and faculty at the University of Kansas School of Pharmacy. He is a previous NIH Postdoctoral Fellow at the University of California, Irvine, and obtained a Ph.D. in Organic Chemistry from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Dr. Altman's specialties lie in: Organofluorine, Organometallic, Physical Organic Chemistry Fluorination Strategies for Medicinal Chemistry Neurotherapeutics, Immune Checkpoints, and Antibiotic Adjuvants. With this award, we recognized him for his valiant efforts in advancing our education and encouraging us in our future pursuits and in all endeavors.

## **Financial Budgeting**

The goal with the budgeting for the 2017-2018 academic year was to ensure that the Alpha Rho Chapter of Rho Chi maintained financial stability and remained self-sufficient. The School of Pharmacy Deans Office approved the yearly budget. We were offered additional funding though the School of Pharmacy Dean's Office, however, we graciously declined the offer. The Dean's Office continually offers funding, which demonstrates their relationship with the society and belief in its mission. In order to achieve our goal, we eliminated various expenses, specifically within the initiation ceremony, and provided fundraising alternatives that were unique to our organization that would attract additional revenue (Rho Chai latte's, class quote t-shirt, badge clips). We currently have additional inventory that provides a potential source of revenue for the future class. Several services that were provided were cost effective and did not require additional expenses, such as tutoring services and serving as liaisons. In addition, our chapter purchased the Rho Chi graduation cords for each member, as we had leftover funds in the budget due to the success of our fundraising ventures. This was decided by our executive team to recognize the members for their hard work and successes during pharmacy school.

## **Installation Function**

The Class of 2020 Rho Chi Initiation Ceremony was held in conjunction with the annual Teacher of the Year Award Address. The event was held on Wednesday, April 11th, 2018 from 7:00 – 9:30pm at the University of Kansas School of Pharmacy in Lawrence, Kansas with teleconferencing to Wichita, Kansas. A welcoming table and social was held at 6:30pm prior to the ceremony.

Our chapter advisor, Dr. Molly Steed, gave the opening remarks and welcomed all attendees. Chapter Vice President, Elizabeth Hazlett, gave a presentation regarding the chapter activities in the past year. Chapter President, Kristen Fischer, created a PowerPoint and discussed the mission and ideals of the chapter, and congratulated the current and new members. She thanked the deans, students, and family members in attendance for their continued support, and introduced the Teacher of the Year recipient, Dr. Ryan Altman. Each year, the Alpha Rho Chapter awards The Rho Chi Teacher of the Year Award. The intention of this honor is to recognize a faculty member that our class feels has had a substantial influence on our education. Dr. Altman is a current professor at the University of Kansas School of Pharmacy. He shared welcoming words with the initiates and congratulated them all on their past and future success. He also spoke about his history in the pharmacy profession, past successes and failures, and provided encouraging words to the new initiates. Following the lecture, the Alpha Rho Chapter inducted twenty-six new student members in Lawrence, Kansas and three new student members in Wichita, Kansas. Deans at the respective campuses announced each initiate's names, and the exchange of pins and certificates was completed. The Dean of the School of Pharmacy, Dr. Kenneth Audus, gave the concluding remarks.

The initiation banquet was held immediately following the Initiation Ceremony and was attended by Rho Chi initiates, the Teacher of the Year Award recipient, the Dean's Office and their family members. The banquet provided food and refreshments. There was a table dedicated to the history of Rho Chi and our chapter. At this time, the new members took pictures with the keynote speaker, other members, and family and friends. Approximately ninety guests and initiates were in attendance.

## **Evaluation/Reflection**

Our Chapter of the Rho Chi Society is very proud of all that we accomplished this year. We were successful in meeting our goals. All of our members were involved throughout the year, and were instrumental in the success of our activities. Our chapter was able to raise money for our philanthropic events, engage with our peers during general meetings, and provide tutoring to many students for all subjects in the pharmacy curriculum. One of our largest areas of impact was through our tutoring program. The success of this program was demonstrated in the outpouring support and praise via our fellow classmates, faculty, and the deans at the School of Pharmacy. Through holding tutoring sessions Monday through Friday, planned review sessions, and direct one on one tutoring, we were successful in reaching a great deal of students and positively affect their progression through the pharmacy curriculum and academic career. We are also proud of our involvement in the community this year. We were able to help fundraise and participate in the Barn Party, an event held to raise funds for Leukemia and Lymphoma Society Holiday Party. This party provided memories for over 120 deserving children with life-threatening illnesses and their families in northeast Kansas. We were also able to adopt five families in the Lawrence, Kansas City, and Wichita areas for the holidays. Through the success of fundraising, we had additional funds to allocate. The chapter voted on making a sizable donation to the Salvation Army. We were also able to volunteer at the Boys & Girls Club in Lawrence, Kansas. At this event we helped students with their homework and interacted with them at recess. After the conclusion of our academic year, we held an informal meeting to discuss opportunities and potential areas of improvement within our chapter. An area of potential

improvement is to increase the interaction of recently initiated members with local alumni. Rho Chi has an extensive legacy that is recognized throughout the nation, and our hope is to connect our members to foster positive connections and friendships. Our alumni are an invaluable resource that has not been utilized to its fullest potential. This may also represent an opportunity for a mentoring program to aid in the development of intellectual leaders and lifetime support. Through our end of the year feedback, it was shown that many students felt Rho Chi was a great experience for all our members. We truly look forward to what the new class will be able to accomplish. Our goal for the Alpha Rho Chapter of the Rho Chi Society is to continue to improve and represent the ideals of our national organization.

Respectfully,

Kristen Fischer

2017-2018 President – The Rho Chi Society

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## **Other Information**

The Alpha Rho Chapter of the Rho Chi Society utilizes several platforms to communicate with its members and other students including: Facebook, Rock Chalk Central, and a newly implemented BlackBoard page.

\*\*\*Additional meetings listed below\*\*\*

Meeting Date: October 20th, 2107

Attendance: 2017- 2018 board members

Agenda: Chapter updates, fundraising update, fall event update, new ideas

Action Steps: Agenda planned for key points of general meeting on 10.25.17

Meeting Date: October 25th, 2017

Attendance: 2017- 2018 Members: 29

Agenda: Organization updates, tutoring requests – updates from deans and students, fundraising updates, feedback forum,

\*\* Speaker Jason Patterson – Sotalol Toxicity: Patient Case Presentation

Action Steps: Finalized proofs for Rho Chi member shirts and class shirts through distribution of order forms, held open feedback forum regarding last semester's activities and adjusted the semester's activities accordingly

Meeting Date: November 17th, 2017

Attendance: 2017- 2018 board members

Agenda: Chapter updates, fundraising update, fall event update, new ideas

Action Plan: Ordered all fundraising items, Agenda planned for key points of general meeting on 11.20.17

Meeting Date: November 20th, 2017

Attendance: 2017- 2018 Members: 29

Agenda: Organization updates, tutoring updates – class review session, social update – determine dates in Wichita and Lawrence, fundraising updates, community Service – Adopt A Family – Salvation Army and Angel Tree in Wichita, KS

Action Plan: Utilization and go-live of new class communication board – Blackboard Server, obtained volunteers for the Meet the Tutors Event held on – 2.7.18, new sign-up documents distributed for the Spring of 2018 semester – class liaison and tutoring room, obtained volunteers for the Rho Chi Lattes event held on 11.28.17 & 11.30.17, set up events for shopping for the Adopt A Family event and Angel tree, organized donation to Salvation Army, set up time to disperse fundraising materials

Meeting Date: January 22nd, 2018

Attendance: All 2017- 2018 board members

Agenda: Strategic planning and finalization of the Spring 2018 Academic Semester, chapter updates, fundraising update, spring event update, new member announcement planning

Action Plan: Finalized and adjusted calendar based on course schedule of exams and meetings.

Meeting Date: February 12th, 2018

Attendance: All 2017- 2018 board members

Agenda: Chapter updates, fundraising update, fall event update, Initiation planning

Action Plan: Agenda planned for key points of general meeting on 2.19.17

Meeting Date: February 19th, 2018

Attendance: 2017- 2018 Members: 30

Agenda: Organization updates, initiation updates, national meeting updates, social updates, fundraising updates, community service updates

Action Plan: Held open forum for the nomination of Teacher of the Year, sent out voting form for the nominated professors, finalized votes and elected winner, organization of volunteers to help with the new candidate announcement, obtained volunteers for the Rho Chi Initiation Ceremony and reviewed expectations (date, attendance, etc), confirmed national meeting delegates, polled for attendance at our social – 23rd Street – 3.5.18, finalized proof for the class quote shirts, dispersed information regarding our upcoming community service event – Boys & Girls Club – Broken Arrow Elementary – 3.7.18 & 3.8.18

Meeting Date: March 7th, 2018

Attendance: 2017- 2018 board members

Agenda: Chapter updates, fundraising update, fall event update, Initiation planning

Action Plan: Agenda planned for key points of general meeting on 3.12.17, finalized executive team participation in initiation, ordered food, refreshments, event supplies and plaque for initiation, created documents to hand to new initiates and created a collection procedure for chapter dues

Meeting Date: March 12th, 2018

Attendance: 2017- 2018 Members: 30

Agenda: Chapter Updates, initiation updates – 4.11.18, tutoring updates/encouragement

Action Plan: Reviewed chapter progress, elicited feedback from members regarding the chapters activities, finalized initiation details for members

Meeting Date: April 30th, 2018

Attendance: 2017- 2018 Members: 30 & 2018- 2019 Members: 24

Agenda: Welcome Class of 2018-19, chapter review, elect new executive board

Action Plan: General overview of Alpha Rho activities and involvement throughout the year, each officer explained their roles and responsibilities, elected new executive board members, ensured efficient turnover between the current executive members and newly elected team.