

Annual Chapter Report Outline

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

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Name of School/College: University of the Sciences – Philadelphia College of Pharmacy

Chapter Name & region: Alpha Tau – Region II

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Introduction

Overall, Alpha Tau chapter had a very successful year. Our board was transparent and had very open communications. Our annual event to help P2 students prepare for PNT exams had a bit of difficulty in planning, though after several changes we were able to host a successful event. The incoming executive board was transitioned on how to improve this process for next year. On the fun side, we collaborated with the Student Society of Health-system Pharmacy (SSHP) to hold Family Feud night where students from various grades were able to come out, unwind from studying, and test their knowledge on trivia with some pizza! We also hosted a white coat sale for any student in the professional years of the program so that students can look their best while representing our University on rotations and other activities. The profits from the sale were used to reduce the banquet cost for new members. We also participated in the University's 6th Annual Appeal for a Meal program. With this, we helped to donate some of the staple thanksgiving foods that would feed families who otherwise might not have been able. We were happy to have been a part of this and look forward to continuing this in the future. We hosted a successful induction banquet on April 21st (please see below for more details)

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

Date	Attendance	Agenda	Action Steps
2017-09-15	Eboard (7 + advisor)	Fall semester planning	Follow up meeting to determine PNT study event.
2017-09-21	Eboard (7 + advisor)	"How to survive PNT" event planing	Delegation of tasks for 10/12 event
2017-10-12	General Meeting (~50 persons)	"How to survive PNT" event	PNT course coordinators helped us conduct a study session event for P2 students in preparation of their first therapeutics exam
2017-11-15	Eboard (7 + advisor)	Fall semester wrap up/ winter break planning	Confirm banquet speaker and location over winter break

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

The mission of the Society is to encourage and recognize excellence in intellectual achievement and foster fellowship among its members. Further, the Society encourages high standards of conduct and character, and advocates critical inquiry in all aspects of pharmacy.

- Promote intellectual and professional development on campus
- Promote campus and community relations
- Fundraise sufficiently in order to defray new member costs for the Induction Banquet
- Elect competent new members that uphold the standards and ideals relating to the mission of Rho Chi

As stated above, during this year our chapter hosted multiple events to highlight our commitment to academic excellence, as well as professionalism. We hosted a workshop for students in their second professional year of the curriculum to provide them study skills for the Therapeutics course, which is regarded as one of the most difficult required classes in the pharmacy curriculum. We also participated in community service and helped to foster relations on/off campus. Our chapter tried to collaborate with other Rho Chi chapters at near by schools, but were unable to. We plan to do this in the upcoming 2018-2019 academic year. We recognized those students in the P1 year who were on track to Rho Chi membership, encouraging the high stands of character.

Negatively, our 2017-2018 executive board was not transitioned and was unable to perform at as high of standards as we would have hoped. Though this April, we transitioned the new eboard to improve in the areas that we were not successful.

Activities

Chapter Meetings: our chapter had various executive board meetings (more than listed above) to improve transparency and communication. This helped to improve our planning and organization of events. We also held meetings with general membership to keep all members in the know. At these meetings, we delegated tasks and were able to solicit members to help with our events. Member's helped design our new program, order plaques, and photograph our events.

Community Service: We participated in the University's 6th Annual Appeal for a Meal program. With this, we helped to donate some of the staple thanksgiving foods that would feed families who otherwise might not have been able. The university was very successful with this and we plan to continue it moving forward. We also plan to have events in the community to tutor young elementary/middle-school students at nearby schools.

"How to Survive PNT" event: hosted a workshop for students in their second professional year of the curriculum to provide them study skills for the Therapeutics course. We provided an environment for the course coordinator to offer tips for the exam, provided food, and a Q&A session. This is a yearly event the Alpha Tau chapter holds.

White coat sale: any student in the professional years of the program so that students can look their best while representing our University on rotations and other activities. This is a yearly fundraiser which is very successful. We raised over \$800 to alleviate the cost of the induction banquet.

SSHP Collab event: the Student Society of Health System Pharmacists and Rho Chi worked closely together to provide a fun game night for students on campus. This was a first-time event

but was very successful. Instead of a quiz night, we hosted a "Family Fued" style game with pharmacy and every day trivia. We plan to continue to work with this organization and other's moving forward.

Induction Banquet: our banquet consisted of 100 guests and went very smoothly. We hosted Dr. Debra Mayo as our guest speaker, who shared her experiences in various realms of pharmacy over the past 20 years. Members were recognized for their academic achievement and sworn into the Rho Chi society. Our Dean of Pharmacy and several other faculty attended and supported our new members. We also recognized a P2 member, known as the "Academic Achievement" award winner. This is the P1 valedictorian, whom attended with her family members.

Transition: Negatively, our 2017-2018 executive board was not transitioned and was unable to perform at as high of standards as we would have hoped. Though this April 2018, we transitioned the new executive board to improve in the areas that we were not successful (outlined below). This should have taken place yearly, but unfortunately was lost in the process somehow. We hope that this takes place in years to come, as this greatly improves communication and prepares the new executive board for the incoming year. I personally saw this year as a success despite the difficulties we faced. This may have served as a "transition" year and opportunity to build on our chapter's flaws. I have high expectations for the 2018-2019 academic year, and am confident that with our documentation and communication that this year will be one of the most successful for the Alpha Tau chapter.

Financial Budgeting

The University of the Sciences Student Government Association (SGA) helped support Rho Chi's mission with funding for events such as those outlined above. More so, the Alpha Tau chapter has yearly fundraisers such as our White Coat sale that helps to lessen the cost of the banquet for new members. A copy of the incoming/outgoing funds from our University's Cashier department is attached below.

*Cost of sending delegate to the national meeting was covered by the Dean's Office as well as funds awarded by the local APhA-ASP chapter for concurrently representing the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy at the National Patient Counseling Competition.

Installation Function

The initiation ceremony took place on Saturday, April 21st from 6-9pm. Faculty, deans, the current executive board, our advisor, and incoming members (family, friends, etc.) attended the function. Additionally, we had a guest speaker Dr. Debra Mayo. Dr. Mayo PharmD, MHA received her Bachelor of Science degree in Pharmacy from Temple University and a Master of Science degree, with a concentration in Health Care Administration and Health Care Education, from Saint Joseph's University in Philadelphia. She completed her PharmD at the University of Florida. Debra just started a new role with Aclaris Therapeutics where she served as Senior Medical Director. Previously, she served as the Head of Global Scientific Communications for Teva Pharmaceuticals for 12 years. Dr. Mayo has held a variety of other

roles in Medical Affairs over the years, including a very well-rounded experience working for a medical communications agency. The most fulfilling aspect to her career has been the mentoring of pharmacy students and medical affairs professionals. Dr. Mayo shared some pearls of wisdom she's gained over the past 25 years working as a pharmacist.

Evaluation/Reflection

Reflecting on this academic year, there were various areas we could improve upon. Like mentioned earlier, I believe the lack of a transition meeting coming into the '17-'18 hindered our progress.

For the therapeutics study session, we thought it worked out well on short notice, but could consider a few changes:

1. Very few students showed up, schedule conflict?
2. Plan early! Week before school starts!
3. Make sure it happens before first exam, find this out ASAP!
4. Clarify that if students show up, they should stay for more than lecture part (i.e. try to do a roundtable part as well). Don't want mass exodus of people

We would like to have more collaborative events, participate in our University's Fall Fest to advertise Rho Chi. We would also like to have more fundraisers, such as apparel sales. Though this semester there was not enough interest to have this be financially feasible.

The implementation of a transition for our incoming '18-'19 board will help to alleviate these issues. In future years, our chapter should organize an event utilizing feedback and efforts of the general members.

Other Information

N/A