

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 Beta Alpha chapter of Rho Chi is located at the University of South Carolina College of Pharmacy. Previously, this campus was colonized by the Gamma Psi chapter when the chapter was still split across the Columbia, SC and Charleston, SC campuses of the South Carolina College of Pharmacy. The upcoming 2018-2019 school year will be the first full year of existence for the Beta Alpha chapter. This report will focus on the 2017-2018 activities, members, and financial planning of the Columbia, SC campus of the Gamma Psi chapter, as well as the Beta Alpha plans for next year. Throughout the past year, the Gamma Psi chapter has promoted academic excellence on our campus through both members initiated in 2017 and by instilling the same values in the newly initiated Beta Alpha members. It was a productive academic year full of advantageous fundraisers and tutoring sessions. The new officers are excited to advance upon what the 2017-2018 Gamma Psi executive board has accomplished, as well as implement new traditions for the Beta Alpha, Rho Chi chapter.

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

Date	Attendance	Agenda	Action Steps
2017-09-06	Jansen Claudio, Caroline Gordon, Savannah Martin, Natalie Sult, Karan Patel, Adam Pizzuti, Christopher Cox, Austin Griggs, Katherine Wilbur, Conor Myers, Mary Francis Newman, Bailey Mierzejewski, Meg Freiter, Danielle Smalls, Reagan Kiger, Jin Lim, Hailey Stiver, Logan Johnson, Dr. Phillips	Raising dues, Banquet, Fundraisers, Networking Event idea, Possible Speakers, Tutoring	We initiated a vote to increase dues to \$125 in order to cover the Induction Banquet and P4 graduation cords. In regards to the banquet, we planned for about 80 people when looking for a venue, potentially City Art. We also decided having it on a weeknight may be cheaper. We need to invite Dean Cutler and a member of the national organization and buy gifts for them, which will increase the total cost to approximately \$2000. For fundraising, Ms. Belk is sending out a list of items for sale to alumni. Rho Chi is selling white coffee mugs with the school logo for \$10. We will make \$4-5 profit on each. We plan to sell red and

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09-27

Caroline Gordon, Savannah
Martin, Natalie Sult, Karan
Patel, Adam Pizzuti,
Christopher Cox, Austin
Griggs, Katherine Wilbur,
Conor Myers, Mary Francis
Newman, Bailey
Mierzejewski, Meg Freiter,
Danielle Smalls, Reagan
Kiger, Jin Lim, Hailey Stiver,
Logan Johnson, Dr. Phillips

Tutoring updates,
Budget
discussion,
Fundraising,
Banquet, Service,
new SSHP
Residency
Liaison, Network
Event

green ornaments in the fall with
the new College of Pharmacy
logo in white. We will gauge
interest on a Rho Chi T-shirt.
For networking, we can set up a
mentor matching program with
Rho Chi alumni. Possible
speakers for this year include:
Dr. Rock, Dr. Ricky Evans, and
Dr. Jennifer Baer. For tutoring,
we are waiting for access to P1
Blackboard material.

For tutoring, Hailey and Jin will
send notes. P1s will be asked to
come up with questions and post
them before the tutoring session
in a google doc. Tutors will be
sent the questions the night
before the session. It was voted
to increase dues to \$125. We
received a generous donation of
\$2000 for the banquet. Our
account balance before the
donation was roughly \$2500.
We learned red, green, and
white ornaments had been
claimed by the P3 class, so we
cannot sell them. We aimed to
order quarter-zips by mid-
January. We learned it cost \$200
for room space at Blue Marlin
while most others are \$700. We
decided the Hyatts should be
invited to the banquet. We
discussed whether all P3 and P4
members should be invited and
whether or not they should pay.
Invitation letters will be sent to
all of the faculty. Having the
banquet on a weeknight will be
cheaper. Our service event will
be to help CAPPS with
interview skills. We need to get
the CAPPS president's contact
information. Caroline is the new
SSHP Residency Liaison. The

			<p>dinner that was planned for September with the potential mentors was not approved, but we are still planning to have an initial event with possible mentors. The plan is to meet once a month and do something different each month (e.g. job shadow in November, clinical skills in December, interview skills in January, etc.) If we gauge interest from the whole student body, this can include them as well. The goal is to initiate in the spring. We need to make a list of all the mentors. Next meeting is October 25.</p> <p>Tutoring worked well in the student lounge. Two tutors took turns with topics and used the teach-back method with the P1 students. The tutors made a study guide and prepared prior to coming to the session. For fundraising, we have 6-8 extra coffee mugs at \$10 each. Rho Chi profits \$6 per mug. Ornaments will cost us \$3-4 each. We plan to order 25 red and 25 green with the school logo. We need to sell old SCCP ornaments from last year as well. If we sell at least 19 ornaments at \$8 each, we will break even. As for the banquet committee, we need 1-3 more volunteers. Current volunteers are Meg, Bailey, Mary Francis and Alex. The deadline to secure the venue at City Art and catering is Thanksgiving. We will partner with PPAG for our Christmas service project: Adopt-A-Family.</p>
2017-10-25	<p>Adam Pizzuti, Conor Myers, Karan Patel, Natalie Sult, Savannah Martin, Caroline Gordon, Danielle Smalls, Reagan Kiger, Logan Johnson, Hailey Stiver, Katherine Wilbur, Austin Gruggs, Mary Francis Newman, Meg Freiter, Dr. Phillips</p>	<p>Tutoring, Fundraising, Banquet, Adopt-A-Family</p>	<p>The venue will be City Art and catering will be from Blue</p>
2017-11-29	<p>full attendance</p>	<p>banquet planning, new member vote,</p>	

fundraising

Marlin. Table linens will also be provided by City Art. Date options for the banquet include February 1 or 22. A physical invitation will be given to inductees, and E-vites will be sent to alumni and faculty members. An email will be sent to everyone detailing cost, menu, and a google doc link for the RSVP for self and guests. We voted to have 22 new members. The banquet date has been chosen for February 22. We discussed the budget and the invitations and then decided that current members will pay to attend the banquet. Invitations will be passed out to inductees next Tuesday and an email will be sent out with a google doc to submit information and RSVP. We will begin the pull-over sweatshirt fundraiser on February 22.

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

Our chapter set many goals throughout the past year. The primary goal was to improve attendance at our tutoring sessions. Holding group tutoring sessions allowed more people to attend. Next year we plan to be more flexible with the tutoring sign up timeline to encourage greater attendance. In addition to tutoring students, Gamma Psi aimed to establish more fundraising and academic events to generate funds for the initiation banquet. During the spring semester we sold University of South Carolina College of Pharmacy pullovers to students and faculty with the university logo. This turned out to be a great fundraising item, and we plan to continue to sell the pullovers next year. In addition to selling pullovers in the spring, we are going to sell Christmas ornaments with the USC College of Pharmacy logo in the fall semester. In an effort to collaborate more with other pharmacy organizations, we worked with SSHP to host a residency series event to give interested students more information about the residency process. We had a large turnout and plan to continue this partnership in the upcoming years. We also teamed up with Pediatric Pharmacy Advocacy Group (PPAG) in their Adopt a Family fundraiser to provide Christmas presents and winter necessities to a local family. This was a rewarding and successful service project that we plan to continue. We plan to form even more relationships with other organizations in the upcoming school year to broaden our involvement. We will ideally hold a LinkedIn workshop with Walker Leadership Scholars, as well as a drug name spelling bee event with Phi Delta Chi that will both be open to the entire pharmacy school.

After reaching our goals set this past year, we are excited about new ideas to serve the Rho Chi mission in the year to come.

Activities

Tutoring

The tutoring program continues to be the cornerstone of our chapter's activities and campus presence. Fall tutoring sessions were offered to P1 students in Pharmaceutical Biochemistry, Pharmaceutical Chemistry and Pharmacogenomics I, and Pathophysiology and Pharmacology I. Spring tutoring sessions were offered in Pharmaceutical Biotechnology, Pharmaceutical Chemistry and Pharmacogenomics II, and Pathophysiology and Pharmacology II. Historically, these courses have presented the greatest challenges for P1 students. Tutoring co-chairs collaborated with the Office of the Dean to coordinate dates, times, and room space that accommodated both the P1 and P3 exam schedules. Tutoring sessions were held approximately three to four days before the scheduled exam. If P1 students had more than one exam within a week, a combined tutoring session was held. Each Rho Chi member was expected to prepare for and facilitate at least one tutoring session a semester. Students who desired to attend a session were required to fill out a Google form with at least one question in order for tutors to adequately prepare for the session. Attendance in the fall semester peaked at about forty students but tapered as the semester progressed. A survey was sent out to P1 attendees at the end of the fall semester to allow P1 students to provide feedback. Overall, the students in the P1 class reported these sessions to be helpful. The greatest takeaway from the survey responses was that P1 students found the most value from sessions where tutor(s) had prepared practice questions to review and assess understanding of material. This feedback and other constructive responses will be used to better prepare P3 tutors for facilitating future tutoring sessions.

Fundraising

Fundraising this year was very successful. The fall fundraiser consisted of USC College of Pharmacy coffee mugs sold for \$10 each. In the spring, the fundraising chair set up the quarter-zip pullover fundraiser with options of navy or gray, featuring our new USC College of Pharmacy logo. This was a very successful fundraiser for the chapter, profiting \$500. These items were marketed to not only students and faculty, but to USC alumni at hospitals in and around Columbia. Because the sweatshirts were such a successful item, an additional order was placed later in the semester for new inductees and students who didn't get a chance to order them. In the future, Rho Chi will continue to expand fundraising with new items, events, and activities.

Residency series

In partnership with USC's chapter of the Student Society of Health-System Pharmacy (SSHP), Rho Chi helped to conduct a two-part residency series event. The "Roadmap to Post-Graduate Training" event is designed to provide information to pharmacy students interested in pursuing a residency program. The first event was held on March 21st, 2018 at 6:00 PM in the pharmacy school on USC's campus. Two Residency Program Directors were hosted, Jim Beardsley (PGY1) from Wake Forest Baptist Health and April Quidley (PGY2), Critical Care from Vidant Medical Center. Together they shared information and tips about the application process. At the first meeting SHHP provided dinner and at the second meeting Rho Chi provided dinner to

students in attendance. The second event was held on April 5, 2018 and involved a question-and-answer session with three current P4 students who recently matched to residency programs. Students were encouraged to submit questions for the residency directors or P4 students online prior to the sessions or ask additional questions during the sessions. The series was a positive and informative experience for prospective resident. In the upcoming 2018-2019 school year, Rho Chi will again work with SSHP to provide a residency information series with the goal of producing the best possible residency applicants.

Financial Budgeting

Currently the Rho Chi Beta Alpha chapter has approximately \$4000 in the bank account. We are still waiting on the about \$1000 to come in so by August we will have approximately \$5000 in the bank. The induction reimbursement will add \$2000 to our bank account. Once these funds have been secured and deposited the account will have \$7000. In addition to the established funds, the incoming fundraising chair and treasurer will reach out to the College of Pharmacy Alumni Support Department to obtain a list of Rho Chi alumni. We will then draft a letter requesting donations to mail to alumni. Overall, the chapter is financially stable, and our goal will be to maintain that status and make sure that future Rho Chi inductees have sufficient funds.

Installation Function

Our banquet was held on February 22, 2018 at City Art in downtown Columbia, SC. Past members arrived at 5:30 PM and new members and their guests arrived at 6:30. Each initiate could bring one guest and had the option to pay \$30 per each additional guest. The event was catered by Blue Marlin, and the menu included shrimp and grits, grilled chicken, mashed potatoes, salad, and dessert. The speaker was Dean Cutler, the new dean of the USC College of Pharmacy. He spoke on his own past and the value of mentorship and academia. His speech was not only entertaining, making jokes on his own behalf, but his positivity and genuine appreciation and encouragement for his students was undeniably felt throughout the room. Bailey Mierzejewski, Meg Freiter, Mary Francis Newman, Karan Patel and Savanna Martin were all present from the executive committee of the 2017-2018 Rho Chi Society. All new members of the 2018-2019 society were present with the exception of Cindy Ni. After the inductees received their pins, we took a group picture of the newly inducted Beta Alpha members. It was a highly successful and enjoyable evening celebrating academic achievement within the University of South Carolina College of Pharmacy.

Evaluation/Reflection

Tutoring

One of the biggest challenges that tutors continued to face this year was the dissolution of the SCCP joint-campus program and the return to individual MUSC and USC legacy programs. For the P3 tutors, many of their P1 classes had been taught by a teacher on the MUSC campus, but the current P1 students were being taught by a different teacher on the USC campus. Tutoring the P1 students was more difficult as the course material and notes varied from past years. Nonetheless, it was a successful year of tutoring with some of the highest fall attendance on

record for our chapter. We look forward to the upcoming semester as the newly initiated Rho Chi members are the first class to have been taught by solely USC College of Pharmacy faculty since the dissolution of the SCCP joint-campus program. We believe this will allow our P3 members to more effectively tutor P1 students in these courses and we foresee attendance at sessions increasing because of this.

We are looking forward to continuing the success of the tutoring program in the upcoming year. The addition of an end-of-semester survey for attendees this year was successful and provided valuable, constructive feedback. We plan to continue this in order to continuously improve our tutoring program and foster growth in our member's tutoring skills. We will continue to look into restructuring the tutoring program in a way so that newly-inducted P2 members have opportunities to tutor P1 students in the spring semester. We believe P1 students would benefit from being tutored by students who have taken the same courses more recently and that this change would foster chapter involvement among Rho Chi members earlier on in their membership.

A new initiative we are looking forward to incorporating into the tutoring program centers around mental health. Our members recognize that while studying is an extremely important part of academic success, there is much more to it. We have plans to incorporate a "stress-relief" component to our tutoring sessions. We have reached out to Palmetto Animal Assisted Life Services, a local non-profit organization that trains service dogs, to coordinate a time where therapy dogs are brought in upon the conclusion of a tutoring session. We are also seeking food donations from local restaurants to provide a treat for tutoring program attendees. We will evaluate the success of these measures on number of attendees and individual attendee feedback. If it is determined to be worthwhile, we will continue to explore "stress-relief" activities for addition to tutoring sessions.

Other Information

Fundraising

The coffee mug sale and quarter-zip pullovers were a huge success. We will continue to sell and establish the pullovers as a main Rho Chi fundraising item as well as offer new colors and materials to keep demand high. We will also continue to require a \$125 initiation fee, which includes each member's dinner and one guest at the initiation banquet. Just as was done this year, any additional guests will be required to pay the cost of their meal for next year. Our plans for this upcoming fall include selling left over coffee mugs at the back-to-school barbeque and bringing back the Christmas ornaments during the Christmas season. Due to complications and conflicts with the demerger and two school logos, Rho Chi was unable to sell Christmas ornaments this fall. Our team of officers are extremely creative, and we hope to plan new and exciting events that benefit our chapter's funding.