Annual Chapter Report

Please complete your Annual Chapter Report, adhering strictly to the format below, and submit it to the National Office via e-mail (RhoChi@unc.edu) by May 15.

Date of report submission: May 15, 2015

Name of School/College: Samford University, McWhorter School of Pharmacy

Chapter name and region: Beta Beta, Region III Southeastern

Chapter advisor’s name and e-mail address: Robert Riggs (rmriggs@samford.edu)

Delegate who attended the Rho Chi Annual Meeting: Rebekah Bradford

Date delegate’s name submitted to Rho Chi.: March 17, 2015

**Past year’s officers and e-mail addresses:**

President: Rebekah Bradford (rkbradfo@samford.edu)

Vice President: Elliott Carey (ecarey@samford.edu)

Secretary: Harsh Patel (hpatel@samford.edu)

Treasurer: Harsh Patel (hpatel@samford.edu)

Historian: Kellie Cameron (kcameron@samford.edu)

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President: Andrew Parrish (aparrish@samford.edu)

Vice President: Sarah Grace Gunter (sgunter@samford.edu)

Secretary: Holly Simpson (hsimpso2@samford.edu)

Treasurer: Anna Palmer (apalmer2@samford.edu)

Historian: Dime Huneidi (dhuneidi@samford.edu)

Number of Rho Chi student members at college or school, listed by class year and program:

**Members for 2014 – 2015 School Year:**

Class of 2015 (P4 student members): 24

Class of 2016 (P3 student members): 16

**New Members Inducted in April 2015**:

Class of 2016 (P3 student members): 6

Class of 2017 (P2 student members): 20

**Meetings**:

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| **Date** | **Attendance** | **Agenda** | **Action Steps** |
| 04.16.2014 | 25 (Presidents and representatives for all pharmacy school organizations) | Schedule Fall semester meetings and events | * Reviewed the calendar for the upcoming fall semester
* Selected dates for meetings and events on the school calendar
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| 04.28.2014 | 8 (Incoming and Outgoing Rho Chi Officers) | Officer Transition Meeting | * Discuss goals for upcoming year
* Incoming and outgoing officers meet to discuss responsibilities
* Exchange contact information
* Review the activities of the past
* Brainstorm ways to improve the chapter
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| 05.16.2014 | 2 (Advisor and President) | Plan budget and goals for the upcoming year | * Discuss budget for the year
* Discuss goals for the year
* Discuss ideas for events and meetings for the year
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| 08.16.2014 | 2 (President and APhA-ASP IPSF VP) | Plan Blood Drive for Fall Semester | * Set blood drive date
* Discuss incentives for donor participation
* Plan advertisement for event
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| 09.08.2014 | 14 Rho Chi members | Speaker: Dr. Charlie Sands | * Dr. Sands shared his unique experiences as a medical missionary in Korea.
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| 10.20.2014 | 13 Rho Chi members | Speaker: Dr. Jeffrey A. Kyle | * Dr. Kyle shared advice about how to prepare for P4 rotations.
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| 11.12.2014 | 25 (Presidents and representatives for all pharmacy school organizations) | Schedule Spring semester meetings and events | * Reviewed the calendar for the upcoming fall semester
* Selected dates for meetings and events on the school calendar
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| 11.19.2014 | 12 Rho Chi members | Vote on increasing chapter dues | Voted to raise chapter dues from $10 to $25. |
| 01.22.2015 | 2 (Advisor and President) | Discuss upcoming events and induction ceremony plans |  |
| 04.07.2015 | 35 Rho Chi members | Officer Elections  | * Voted on President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, and Historian for the upcoming year.
* Inducted the newly elected officers.
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| 04.30.2015 | 7 (Incoming and Outgoing Rho Chi Officers) | Officer Transition | * Discuss goals for upcoming year
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**Strategic Planning**:

1. Collaborate with other organizations within the pharmacy school to enhance our impact in the community.
2. Encourage intellectual development as a professional responsibility within the pharmacy school.
3. Coordinate an inter-professional event focusing on intellectual leadership and critical inquiry with the student in the Nursing School.

**Activities**:

**P1 How to Succeed in Pharmacy School Event**

September 16, 2014

This is an ongoing event for our chapter of the Rho Chi Society. Each Fall semester, Rho Chi organizes a lunch for first year pharmacy students and gives them advice about pharmacy school. This year, a group of 8 Rho Chi members shared valuable information to the P1 students including study strategies, setting goals, and balancing school with daily life demands. This event provides tools to the first year students to enable them become intellectual leaders, and it also encourages them to seek intellectual achievement, as outlined in the Rho Chi mission.

**Residency Advice from Dr. Adam Dodson**

April 9, 2015

This is a new initiative focused on provided information about residency to all students at the McWhorter School of Pharmacy through collaboration with the American Pharmacists Association-Academy of Student Pharmacists (APhA-ASP). Dr. Adam Dodson, a first year resident at the University of Alabama at Birmingham Hospital, shared advice and tips on residencies. He included how to prepare for a residency as well as how to select a residency. This event aligns with Rho Chi’s mission to encourage intellectual achievement and contribute to the development of intellectual leaders; the collaboration of Rho Chi and APhA-ASP also fostered collaboration.

**P1 Informational Lunch**

August 27, 2014

This is a new initiative that informs first year pharmacy students about the Rho Chi Society. At this event, Rho Chi Officers shared with P1 students the mission of the Rho Chi Society as well as how to attain membership. This session served to encourage intellectual achievement among the first year students by providing a goal for them to achieve.

**Independent Pharmacy Ownership**

February 10, 2014

This is an initiative that was continued from last year to provide information to students interested in Independent Pharmacy Ownership. Dr. Robert Mills, the owner of 10 local pharmacies, shared his experiences in independent pharmacy ownership. He discussed the challenges as well as the rewards associated with owning a pharmacy. He also discussed the changes that are occurring in the healthcare system and how those changes are impacted independent pharmacy. He shared his strategies for adapting to change. This event contributed to the development of intellectual leaders by encouraging students to adapt to change.

**Textbook Drive for Dominica State College**

October 22 – December 5 2014

This new initiative collected pharmacy-related textbooks for the pharmacy program at Dominica State College located in the Commonwealth of Dominica. The pharmacy program has been recently re-established, and its textbooks are outdated. We collected approximately 40 updated textbooks to send to the college in order to contribute to the development of intellectual leaders. This also aligns with Rho Chi’s mission to promote highest ethical standards.

**Vampire Cup Blood Drive**

November 6, 2014

This is an ongoing initiative that was adapted this year to include collaboration with the International Pharmaceutical Students Federation. This year students and faculty members of the McWhorter School of Pharmacy donated 34 pints of blood. The blood drive fostered collaboration and promoted ethical standards by contributing to the community.

**Financial/ Budgeting**:

Based on the budgets of previous years, we had planned to spend about $50 for food for all chapter meetings. Since we had scheduled three meetings each semester, we budgeted $300 for the annual cost of food for our members. We also planned on spending $25 to purchase plates, napkins, silverware, and cups for the entire academic year. We alternate with PLS each year to pay for the Initiation Ceremony reception. Rho Chi was responsible for the payment this year, so we allotted $250 to cover the expense. The president and advisor agreed on the approved budget for the year.

We were able to collaborate with other organizations to sponsor the costs of several events this year. The Dean of Student affairs sponsored a pizza lunch for the P1 Informational Lunch as well as for the P1 How to Succeed in Pharmacy School event. The International Students Pharmaceutical Federation (IPSF) sponsored a Kindle given away for participation in the Vampire Cup Blood Drive. LifeSouth also sponsored pizza, snacks and drinks for donors at the blood drive. APhA-ASP sponsored a pizza lunch for the Residency Advise from Dr. Adam Dodson event.

**Initiation Function**:

The Samford chapters of Rho Chi and Phi Lambda Sigma hold a dual initiation each year. This year, the ceremony was held at 6:30 pm on April 2, 2015 on the campus of Samford University in Reid Chapel. The Beta Beta chapter initiated 26 new members at the ceremony. Family and friends of the new initiates were invited to attend the ceremony. Current Rho Chi members as well as faculty members from the McWhorter School of Pharmacy were also in attendance. The ceremony began with our advisor welcoming the new initiates and their guests. Our advisor then called the name of each initiate to come forward to be recognized for his or her academic achievements. Each initiate was give a certificate, and all initiate remained at the front until all initiates were announced. Current Rho Chi officers and members then pinned the initiates. The current officers annotated the history and distinction of Rho Chi, and the initiates were welcomed into the Beta Beta chapter.

**Evaluation/Reflection**:

The Beta Beta Chapter at the McWhorter School of Pharmacy (MSOP) facilitated numerous meetings and events that correlate with and support the mission of the Rho Chi Society. Specific goal were set at the beginning of the year to serve as guidance and motivation. This past year reflects the willingness to meet our goals, especially in the area of collaboration. In the past, the Rho Chi Society has focused on holding closed meetings for Rho Chi members only and has not collaborated with other student organizations at MSOP. This year, we successfully collaborated with two organizations to host two events open to all pharmacy students. In addition, Rho Chi provided two events designed to benefit all students at MSOP. In general, students are either interested in community pharmacy or clinical pharmacy which often requires residency training. Rho Chi offered an event for each major area of pharmacy in order to stimulate critical inquiring to advance pharmacy as a whole as well as to contribute to the development of intellectual leaders in pharmacy across all care settings.

The Beta Beta Chapter initiated a new community service project this year by collecting textbooks for the pharmacy program at Dominica State College in the Commonwealth of Dominica. Pharmacy is a developing field in this small Caribbean nation, and our efforts will serve to expand the knowledge of pharmacy on the island. This unique service project allowed our chapter to have an international impact on the development of intellectual leaders by encouraging intellectual achievement.

In addition to the new initiatives aimed at expanding our chapter’s impact on our pharmacy school, the Beta Beta chapter continued ongoing events that have been successful in the past. The P1 How to Succeed in Pharmacy School received positive feedback from first year pharmacy students, and the event plans to be continued in successive years. The ongoing blood drive service project was expanded to collaborate with another student organization (IPSF). The blood drive was successful; however, due to problems with collaborating with LifeSouth to hold the blood drive, we actively sought to establish a relationship with the Red Cross in order to collaborate with them next year when planning the blood drive.

Overall, the Beta Beta chapte had a very successful year. We continued successful traditions and created new initiatives. We also expanded our influence by holding events to promote intellectual development for the entire pharmacy school and by created an international relationship with Dominica State College.

**Other information**:

This year, the officers of the Beta Beta chapter developed a Dropbox folder for the saving and sharing of documents used throughout the year. This Dropbox was passed on to the incoming officers for guidance and utilization during the upcoming year. The Dropbox contains the following items: powerpoint presentations for the P1 Information Lunch and the P1 How to Succeed in Pharmacy School Event, the Rho Chi roster, information about past events and meetings, contact information for speakers, and other useful tips. In the past, this information was transmitted by mouth or through various emails. Last year, a binder was created to put the information into a more utilizable form for the president. The Dropbox is intended to provide expanded access of information to all officers. The Dropbox also allows updates and changes to be made to powerpoint presentations and other useful documents so that the new officers do not need to completely re-create an item. It is our hope that this will enable the Rho Chi officers to be more effective and prepared for many years to come.

**Appendix 1**

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| [Beta Beta, Samford University, McWhorter School of Pharmacy] 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? | 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 | P1 How to Succeed in Pharmacy School | Rho Chi members provided advice to P1 pharmacy students about how to succeed in pharmacy school | Encouraged intellectual achievement and contributed to the development of intellectual leaders | At least 3 (records not available) | The template for the presentation was adjusted this year based on feedback from previous presentations. | 8 | 63 | Lunch provided by the Dean of Student Affairs. Rho Chi provided drinks ($22.08) |
| Intellectual Leadership Activities  | Residency Advice from Dr. Adam Dodson | Dr. Dodson, a PGY1 resident at UAB Hospital, shared advice about residencies. | This event encourgared intellectual achievement, contributed to the development of intellectual leaders, and fostered collaboration with another student organization, APhA-ASP.  | New Initiative  | n/a | 20 | 50 | Lunch provided by APhA-ASP. |
| College of Pharmacy Events [non-academic, non-patient outreach] | P1 Informational lunch | Provided information to first year pharmacy students about Rho Chi, including how to obtain membership and the mission of Rho Chi. | Encouraged first year pharmacy students to strive for academic excellence in order to obtain membership into the Rho Chi Society.  | New Initiative | n/a | 4 | 120 | Lunch provided by the Dean of Student Affairs |
| College of Pharmacy Events [non-academic, non-patient outreach] | Independent Pharmacy Ownership | Dr. Robert Mills, owner of 10 local pharmacies, spoke about independent pharmacy ownership including how he got started, how community pharmacy is changing, and how he is adapting to change.  | This event contributed to the development of intellectual leaders by encouraging students to adapt to change. | 2 | Feedback from students about this speaker is highly positive. | 10 | 44 | Donuts provided to attendees ($48.23) |
| Patient Outreach Events/ Community Service | Textbook Drive for Dominica State College | Collected approximately 40 textbooks for the pharmacy program at Dominica State College. | This pharmacy program only had access to outdated textbooks. Collecting updated textbooks contributes to the development of intellectual leaders.  | New Initiative | n/a | 5 | 20 | n/a |
| Patient Outreach Events/ Community Service | Vampire Cup Blood Drive | Partnered with the International Pharmaceutical Students Federation to collect 34 pints of blood.  | Fostered collaboration and promoted ethical standards by contributing to the community.  | At least 3 (records unavailable) | Changed location to better accommodations. Currently establishing a relationship with the Red Cross due to problems with other organizations.  | 5 | 33 | Pizza and snacks provided by LifeSouth. Kindle giveaway provided by the McWhorter School of Pharmacy chapter of the American Pharmacists Association-Academy of Student Pharmacists. |

Appendix 2

**Beta Beta Chapter Budget**

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| **ITEM** | **Amount Debited ($$ spent)** | **Amount Credited ($$ raised)** | **Balance** | **Comment** |
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| **Food for Meetings (total cost)** | **$251.07** |  |  | We budgeted to spend less than $50 per meeting on food. From our budget, we provided food at 6 meetings. |
| Chick-fil-A Biscuits | $52.07 |  |  | Dr. Sands Medical Missions meeting on 09.08.14 |
| Drinks | $22.08 |  |  | P1 How to Succeed in Pharmacy School Drinks only on 09.16.14 |
| Publix Deli sandwiches | $47.67 |  |  | Dr. Kyle P4 Rotation Advice meeting on 10.20.14 |
| Chick-fil-A Biscuits | $41.41 |  |  | Meeting to vote on increasing dues on 11.19.14 |
| Donuts | $48.23 |  |  | Dr. Mills Independent Pharmacy Ownership event on 02.10.15 |
| Panera Bagels | $39.61 |  |  | Officer election meeting on 04.07.15 |
| **Rho Chi/PLS Induction Reception** | **$213.44** |  |  | We alternate paying for the reception with PLS each year. |
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| **Total Spent for 2014-2015 year** | **$464.51** |  |  |  |
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