

Annual Chapter Report Outline

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

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Introduction

Please find the annual report for Beta Beta Chapter Rho Chi, Region III Southeastern, of the Samford McWhorter School of Pharmacy. Our chapter has worked hard this year to continue the events of the past and by taking an initiative to create new activities that promote intellectual leadership and foster community outreach.

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

Date	Attendance	Agenda	Action Steps
2017-08-15	5	Officer/Advisor meeting. Discussion of goals and plans for upcoming academic year.	–Discuss goals –Discuss events for the semester –Review of budget
2017-09-05	15	Gave presentation to P1 students on how to succeed in pharmacy school, which included a question and answer segment with current Rho Chi members and practical study tips.	–Reviewed with P1s effective note taking skills –Answered questions about how often to study –Outline different study methods –Discussed how current members of Rho Chi are able to balance school, work, and personal life.
2017-10-23	8	Discussion of Vampire Cup blood drive with APhA and Kappa Psi.	–Discussed how to sign up to donate. — asked for volunteers to work, make signs, and promote event –planned prizes
2018-01-03	12	Approval of class of 2020 nominees	–Reviewed list of nominees –Voted to approve nominees

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

1. The chapter will collaborate with other pharmacy organizations to plan and implement philanthropy events such as the annual Vampire Cup blood drive to be held in November of 2017. We will focus on increasing the amount of blood donated from last year's drive and discuss planning a blood drive in the spring of 2018.

2. Encourage intellectual development by planning a studying and note taking skills session for the P1 students within the first month school.

3. Encourage intellectual development and knowledge retention by developing a pharmacy quiz game event for P1-P3 students. This educational event will be held in the spring of 2018.

4. Create opportunities for our chapter to give back to our community through outreach and an outreach event such as a health screening.

Activities

Set Yourself Up for Success: How to Succeed in Pharmacy School/Introduction to Rho Chi
September 5, 2017

This is an event that our Rho Chi chapter has provided for several years to help first year students with the transition to pharmacy school. This year, a group of 15 Rho Chi members prepared a brief PowerPoint presentation to review topics that they felt were crucial to succeed in pharmacy school, as well as an overview of Rho Chi. We discussed what Rho Chi entails, how to gain membership into our organization, and study and note-taking tips that can help with the transition into pharmacy school. A question and answer section of the meeting focused on how to stay healthy, exercise, and balance schoolwork with our personal lives. The conversation was well received, and we feel that this activity helped to foster new intellectual leaders, which fits in well with the mission of the Rho Chi Society.

Vampire Cup Blood Drive
November 2, 2017

Continuing with tradition, the Beta Beta Chapter collaborated with APhA International Pharmaceutical Students Federation (IPSF), Kappa Psi Pharmaceutical Fraternity, and the American Red Cross to host a blood drive for students and faculty on the campus of the McWhorter School of Pharmacy. In total, 28 units of blood were donated. While the full impact of this cannot be known exactly, we know that this effort helps to improve our community, and we are hopeful that our small contributions can help to save a life.

P1 Pre-Rho Chi Recognition Lunch
January 5, 2018

This is the second year that we have attended this luncheon honoring P1s with a 4.0. Partnering with Student Affairs and the department heads of the academic curriculum, our chapter helped sponsor a lunch that honored P1 students who achieved a 4.0 GPA the first semester of pharmacy school. At this lunch, each student was presented a certificate by the President of our chapter. Our chapter feels that this is a significant milestone for first year students in maintaining academic excellence, and we were honored to provide our input.

“Who Wants to Be a Pharmacist?” Quiz game
March 6, 2018

This was a new event for our chapter. We created a short promotional video commercial to advertise this event that was open to P1, P2, and P3 students and faculty members sent in

questions of their choosing that incorporated pharmacy topics from courses including biochemistry, pharmaceuticals, pharmaceutical sciences, pharmacy calculations, and pharmacotherapy. We compiled these questions into a 50 question pharmacy quiz game and Rho Chi had 108 students in attendance who played the quiz game. This event was well received by the school and students have requested for Rho Chi to hold this event again next year. We think that fostering an environment where students of all academic levels can meet together and learn or refresh their knowledge fits in with the mission of Rho Chi.

Vampire Cup Blood Drive II
April 12, 2018

Continuing with tradition, the Beta Beta Chapter collaborated with International Pharmaceutical Students Federation (IPSF) and the American Red Cross to host a blood drive for students and faculty on the campus of the McWhorter School of Pharmacy. In total, 30 units of blood were donated, which met our goal of 30 units. While the full impact of this cannot be known exactly, we know that this effort helps to improve our community, and we are hopeful that our small contributions can help to save a life.

Rho Chi Health Screening at CVS
April 13, 2018

This health screening was a new event for the Beta Beta chapter. We partnered with a preceptor at a local CVS and held a health screening for CVS patients. The health screening offered free blood glucose screenings, blood pressure screenings, immunizations, and counseling on OTC medications. We had 15 Rho Chi members sign up to attend the screening for 2- hour shifts. The event was well received by the area CVS store as well as the patients who we helped.

Financial Budgeting

At the beginning of the year the officers and advisor met to develop the budget. We decided we wanted to be purposeful in our spending, and minimize any unnecessary expenses. This meant that at some of our meetings we did not provide food for our members. We also decided that we would provide lunch for meetings with particularly important agenda items to improve attendance. Any new spending was to be approved by the treasurer and chapter advisor.

Installation Function

Each year, our initiation is held in conjunction with Phi Lambda Sigma in the Regions room of the Brock School of Business. This year initiation took place on Thursday, April 5, at 6 PM. The initiation was followed by a light reception in the lobby outside of the Regions room. The Beta Beta chapter initiated 21 new members (6 P3 and 15 P2 students) in the presence of friends, family members, and faculty of the McWhorter School of Pharmacy. Dr. Crouch, Dean of McWhorter School of Pharmacy, began the ceremony with a few brief remarks welcoming everyone and congratulating all the new initiates. This was followed by the announcing of all the new initiates by the chapter advisor, Dr. Riggs. As each initiate was called, he or she came forward to shake the hand of the President and receive a certificate. After all the names were

called, the initiates were pinned by current members of Rho Chi. After the pinning, the officers for the current year read about the history of Rho Chi and performed the initiation ritual. It was a very special evening for everyone involved, and we were very honored to have the largest faculty attendance at any initiation to date.

Evaluation/Reflection

This has been a great year for the Beta Beta chapter of the Rho Chi Society. It has been a time of transition as this is the second year that we have been in our new school, the College of Health Sciences. The McWhorter School of Pharmacy now shares the same complex as five other colleges of health sciences, and we feel like this is a unique opportunity for our chapter to foster interprofessional relationships and we are excited about the possibilities of collaborating with students from these schools. One of the main goals of our chapter is to maintain academic excellence while creating innovative ways to prepare ourselves for a constantly changing healthcare field. One of the ways that we have tried to apply this is by hosting an open meeting for P1s to help them start their pharmacy school year on the correct footing by giving them practical tips to succeed in pharmacy school. Not only did it allow Rho Chi members to practice their presenting and teaching skills but it allowed P1s an opportunity to network with current Rho Chi members who could further partner and mentor the P1 students. Furthermore, we wanted to foster our values of intellectual development within the McWhorter School of Pharmacy by creating a new game show for the school where professors happily collaborated with us to help students learn and refresh pharmacy school topics while making learning a fun experience. We also worked on forming new relationships for our annual blood drive by inviting the members from the Kappa Psi Pharmaceutical Fraternity to collaborate with our chapter and increased the frequency of the drive to twice a year. We are hopeful that the relationships established this year will continue to grow and develop, and we believe that the chapter will have more opportunities in the coming year.

Another goal for this year was to apply innovative strategies in community outreach. We feel that we have accomplished this goal by creating a health screening event at a local CVS where we were able to give back to our community. The current P3s were able to practice their skills taking blood pressure, blood glucose, and counseling before starting rotations whereas the P2s were able to practice the skills they are currently learning in their classes.

In the future, we feel that innovation will continue as the focus for our chapter's events. Our new location in the College of Health Sciences provides our chapter a tremendous opportunity to continue to serve as a cornerstone on the healthcare team. It also allows us an opportunity for more events to prepare us to work as a team, as this seems to be the trend in healthcare today. The Beta Beta chapter will continue to lead in designing unique learning opportunities, thereby fostering collaboration and developing intellectual leaders.

Other Information

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