Annual Chapter Report-University of Houston College of Pharmacy-Beta Omicron (2016-2017)

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.

General formatting guidelines:

* Adhere to the page/word limitations specified in each section.
* Use 12 point, Times-New Roman, font.
* Do not include any attachments or appendices.
* Submit as a Word Document.

Date of report submission: 5/15/2017

Name of School/College: **University of Houston College of Pharmacy**

Chapter name and region: **Beta Omicron - VI**

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For split campuses, please list advisor and email address for each campus, if applicable:

**N/A**

Delegate who attended the Rho Chi Annual Meeting: **Lauren Tola**t

(Note: Any chapter failing for three successive years to have a delegate at the National Convention shall be declared “inactive” by the Executive Council and may not elect members unless and until reinstated – Article 4, Section 3, Rho Chi Society Bylaws) Note that Advisors attending the National Conventions may serve as delegates in the absence of a student or non-student member delegate—Article 7, Section 7, Rho Chi Society Bylaws.

Date delegate’s name submitted to Rho Chi.: 3/22/2017

Past year’s officers and e-mail addresses:

President: Lauren Tolat ltolat@uh.edu

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New officers and e-mail addresses for next academic year:

The Rho Chi Beta Omicron Chapter anticipates that the induction of new officer’s will take place in October of this year.

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

P3 Pharmacy Students:

1. Megan Cooper
2. Rodrigo DeLaTorre
3. Julie Ference
4. Austin Hinkel
5. Uyen Huynh
6. YaeJin Im
7. Michael Janho
8. Chelsea Jose
9. Rebecca Kessinger
10. Amy Kiley
11. Ashley Long
12. Tien Nguyen
13. Teri Nguyen
14. Oguzhan Ozguc
15. Jongho Park
16. Leila Petok
17. Lauren Puckett
18. Anum Sheikh
19. Rob Suddhi
20. Lauren Tolat
21. Thao Tran
22. Casey Vauters
23. Rana Vazirnezami
24. George Wang
25. Jennifer Yarbrough
26. Andrei Zidaru

Graduate Students

1. Ashley Adams
2. Hironaria Akasaka
3. Shweta Bapat
4. Amanda Beck
5. Joshua Blackwell
6. Shufan Ge
7. Amanda Grego
8. Manas Gupta
9. Yo He
10. Radhika Joshi
11. Yu Jin Kim
12. An le
13. Benjamin Lewing
14. Claire McClain
15. Sanika Rege
16. Mahua Sarkar
17. Laura Stokes
18. Santosh Suryavanshi
19. Guncha Taneja
20. Qingqing Xu

**Strategic Planning**: What goals were set that relate to the Rho Chi mission? (Limit 0.5 page)

**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.**

**Officers set goals to increase the presence of the Beta Omicron chapter at the University of Houston College of Pharmacy. We believe that through the events we hold each year, students and faculty will be increasingly aware of our chapter and the remarkable things we are capable of accomplishing. Specifically, we aimed to encourage and recognize intellectual achievement through Rho Chi Challenge, Teaching Excellence Awards, and Rho Chi Lecture. To foster fellowship among our members, we distributed cords to all our members to be worn at graduation along with encouraging members to pursue academic excellence and maintain a high standard for themselves.**

**Activities**: This section is usually the primary focus of the report. The chapter reports should contain detailed descriptions of all activities developed and conducted to further the society’s mission (See Appendix 1 for Chapter Activities Report Template). (For split campuses, please reference the activities by campus.) It may contain a combination of activities within the college and/or university as well as activities that provide outreach outside the academic community. School-wide events that provide evidence of intellectual leadership (e.g., a sponsored lecture, symposium, poster session, etc.) may be included. Service activities for non-members such as tutoring may be included. It is recommended that students also provide at least one community service activity outside of the academic institution (e.g., volunteering at a long-term care facility, providing health information to patients/citizens in the community, etc.) provided that it is consistent with the mission of the Rho Chi Society. The description must include whether these activities are on-going (if so, for how long) or are new initiatives. (Limit 1500 words)

**Gulf Coast Regional Blood Drive: We encourage our members and participants in the community to participate in this service event that seeks to give back to the community. Members and officers encourage students in both the pharmacy school and the rest of the campus to participate in a one-time donation of blood that is hosted by a loyal company renowned in the community for its charitable work.**

**Rho Chi Challenge: This is an annual event held at the Spring Picnic that fulfills the mission of the society to encourage and recognize excellence in intellectual achievement while simultaneously advocating critical inquiry. Trivia-style questions are posed to teams comprised of three students and a faculty member, and the team with the most points at the end of three rounds wins a prize. This year, prizes were $25 gift cards purchased by UH Rho Chi Society. Certificates of distinction were also distributed to all team winners in the Challenge.**

**Law Book Fundraiser: As part of giving back to the chapter and providing service to the rest of the students who aren’t in Rho Chi, students are offered a discounted price by purchasing law books for the “Pharmacy Law and Ethics” class taken during the third year. It is also a useful tool in studying for the MPJE exam post-graduation.**

**H.O.M.E.S. Clinic: The HOMES clinic is a free clinic for homeless patients that is ran by pharmacy and medical students in Houston. There was a specific designated spot for members of Rho Chi to provide service during certain weekends.**

**Financial/ Budgeting**: Provide information on how your budget was determined and approved and how it supported your chapter’s activities. Include information on fund-raising that was conducted to meet this budget. (Limit 250 words) (See Appendix 2 for Budget Example Template.) (For split campuses, please reference the budget items by campus.)

**Officers are currently in the process of creating an annual budget and formal ledger system. Bank statements were collected monthly. Fundraisers conducted included the Law Book Fundraiser, which made $583. Current budgets were determined in conjunction with our Chapter’s advisor for each event held.**

**Initiation Function**: Describe the initiation function, including when and where it took place, who attended it (not specific names), information on the speaker (if applicable), etc. (Limit 250 words)

**Initiation was held on Wednesday, October 5th, 2016 at 6:30 pm at the Hilton Hotel at the University of Houston. New initiates from the Pharm.D. class of 2018 along with graduate students attended the initiation. Also in attendance were chapter advisors Dr. Jeff Sherer and Dr. Sujit Sansgiry The speaker from the Fall 2016 Robert L. Boblitt lecture earlier that day, Dr. Alvarado, was in attendance.**

**Evaluation/Reflection**: Provide a reflective paragraph that evaluates the effectiveness of your activities and ways to improve. (Limit 500 words)

**Our chapter continued to make great strides this year to accomplish our goal of promoting awareness of the society throughout the college. One issue that seems to be a recurrent theme among the years from previous chapters is the issue with low involvement and participation. This was echoed throughout the Annual Rho Chi Meeting that was held in San Francisco. Although our chapter was able to continue annual events and traditions with matching or even higher participation, it was not without a lot of effort to remind and incentivize people to come. Therefore, after the Rho Chi meeting in San Francisco, the onus was on our chapter to figure out what we could do to increase involvement that correlated with what was discussed during annual.**

* **What can we do to increase involvement?**
	+ **Move the induction earlier to try and obtain students during the P2 year and expand the involvement of students on campus from 1 year (currently) to 2 years**
	+ **This leads to the issue of when to induct: bylaws state that at least 50% of didactic portion of coursework needs to be complete before top % is able to be determined.**
	+ **Some chapters do a rolling admission into Rho Chi: after 1.5 years is complete, induct top 10% then follow by inducting next 10% after 2 years is complete. This helps to ensure that we are inducting the true top 20% vs. those who are at 20% right at the 2 year mark but then "fall-off" academically right after.**
	+ **Some chapters have a pharmacy program that is 6 years vs. 4 years-different type of induction and entry into the chapter.**
	+ **Considered adding a leadership component to entry; however, this was vehemently disagreed on due to the fact that Rho Chi is strictly an organization to award academic achievement.**
	+ **Unfortunately, no decision was made but a lot of discussion was facilitated by committee members. It was clear that uninvolvement in Rho Chi is an issue facing the majority of chapters since entry begins during the P3 year which is when involvement dips right before APPE rotations.**

**There are improvements to be made, mainly through involving non-members in our activities. One way to accomplish this is by recognizing Dean’s List recipients and encouraging them to continue their hard work so that they may be inducted into the Rho Chi Society.**

**Appendix 1**

**Chapter Activities Report Template**

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| [Chapter Name, School Name] 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? | If Activity has Been Ongoing for >1 Year, What 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 (i.e., tutoring, sponsored lectures, poster sessions, etc.) | Rho Chi Lecture | Dr. Christopher Alvarado, Chair of the Texas Pharmacy Association Political Action Committee, Board of Director for West Texas Pharmacy Association, Immediate Past President of the Bexar County Pharmacy Association, President of the University of the Incarnate Word - Feik School of Pharmacy Alumni Network, and Board of Director of the University of the Incarnate Word Alumni Relations. | Advocates critical inquiry and contributes to the development of intellectual leaders | Many years | Surveys are sent to Rho Chi members every year on ideas for upcoming speakers and ways to improve next year’s lecture. | 25 | ~350 UHCOP students (P1-P3) and ~20 Faculty members attended the lecture | -$200 |
|  | Rho Chi Challenge | 4 teams made up of 3 students and 1 faculty member each competed in jeopardy style game answering pharmacy related questions | Encourage and recognize intellectual achievement  | Many years | Surveys are sent out to all students who participate in the challenge to rate the overall fairness of the questions and gain information on what needs to be improved | 6 | 18 Students and 6 Faculty participated in the challenge this year | -$60 |
|  | Rho Chi Teaching Excellence Awards | One faculty member from each department is nominated based on student votes, faculty evaluations and rho chi members vote | Encourage and recognize intellectual achievement | Many years | Students are given the opportunity to vote for a faculty member based on their personal experience and knowledge of the achievements the faculty members have made | 66666 6  | 3 faculty members received awards at the Rho Chi Lecture | -$150 |
| Patient Outreach Events/ Community Service | Rho Chi Blood Drive | Rho Chi partnered with Gulf Coast Regional Blood Center and recruited blood donors on the UHCOP campus | Fosters collaboration  | 2nd year | N/A | 4 | Donors: 20Total Units: 27 | $0 |
|  | H.O.M.E.S Clinic | The HOMES clinic is a free clinic for homeless patients that is ran by pharmacy and medical students in Houston | Stimulates critical inquiry | Many years | N/A | 2 | 10 patients were seen during the clinic day | $0 |
| Fundraising Events | Texas law Books | Rho Chi sold law books to P3 and P4 students | Fosters collaboration | Several years | Students were offered a discounted price by purchasing law books through Rho Chi | 6 | 53 law books were sold.  | +$583 |

Appendix 2

Rho Chi Beta Omicron Chapter Annual Report

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| **ITEM** | **Amount** **Debited** | **Amount** **Credited** | **Balance** | **Comment** |
| **Balance Forward** |   | $8,271.00 | $8.271.00 | Balance from last year |
| **Membership Dues** |   | $5,735.00 | $14,006.00 | Membership dues for new Rho chi inductees |
| **Induction Dinner Fees** |   | $850.00 | $14,856.00 | Additional Fees for Induction Banquet Guests |
| **Law Books** | $7,897.00 | $8,480.00 | $15,514.00 | Law Book Fundraiser – sold 53 books |
| **APhA Annual** **Reimbursement** | $100.00 |   | $15,614.00 | Funding for two members to attend annual |
| **Spring Picnic** | $130.00 |   | $15,484.00 | Includes donation, prize and certificate purchases for Spring Picnic Rho Chi Challenge |