Annual Chapter Report

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Name of School/College: Northeastern University

Chapter name and region: Beta Tau - Region I

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New officers and e-mail addresses for next academic year: Not yet elected. Anticipated election date: July 7th, 2015

(If not yet elected, please indicate date of anticipated election and report names within one week of election)

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

Doctor of Pharmacy - Class of 2015: 29

Doctor of Pharmacy - Class of 2016: 22

**Meetings**: Provide information on meetings held in the following tabular format (Limit 1.5 page)

**Note: If your chapter is part of a split campus, please list the meetings with campus reference under the Attendance (i.e. A, B or 1, 2 with a note to indicate the campus of reference).**

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| Date | Attendance | Agenda | Action Steps |
| 07/29/14 | 20 members | 1. Committee assignments2. Research Compendium 3. Health Day Fair 4. Rx Wars5. Website and marketing6. Fundraising7. New projects | 1. Committee chairs assigned 2. Potential faculty for Research Compendium discussed3. Health Day Fair topic discussed 4. Presentation for RxWars funding assigned5. Committee chairs to share comments of events for website6. Fundraising contact assigned7. New event: residency simulation |
| 09/17/14 | 22 members | 1. Research Compendium2. Health Day Fair3. RxWars4. Fundraising5. Speed Dating | 1. Research Compendium to be sent to Dr. Gonyeau 9/19 and to School of Pharmacy by 9/22. 2. Health Day Fair topic: Molly. Poster completed.3. RxWars funding presentation 9/10. 4. Possible fundraiser to be held at local restaurant or bar5. Speed Dating tentatively 3/19/15 |
| 10/16/14 | 19 members | 1. RxWars 2. Fundraising3. Annual Lecture 4. Blackboard updates5. LinkedIn | 1. RxWars tasks distributed with deadlines. Date confirmed 11/21. Games: Weakest Link, Family Feud, and Jeopardy2. Potential Pie fundraiser: 11/6. Pour House to be emailed for potential fundraiser 3. Annual Lecture potential speaker: Dr. Thakur 4. Blackboard to be updated with how-to documents for all events5. Rho Chi Beta Tau LinkedIn may be accessed by members |
| 11/13/14 | 20 members | 1. RxWars2. Annual Lecture3. Newsletter4. Fundraising5. Mock Interviews6. Leadership Speaker | 1. RxWars: 16 total participants. Budgets determined for snacks and prizes2. Dr. Thakur confirmed Lecture speaker. Brainstorm gift and catering 3. Newsletter articles to be submitted in one week4. Fundraiser selling white coats to be done in the spring. Conor Larkin’s and UNO’s being considered instead of Pour House for fundraiser5. Mock Interviews to be combined with PLS resume review6. Retired Navy Pharmacist speaking as part of the PLS Leadership Series |
| 1/14/15 | 15 members | 1. Residency - Fellowship Interviews2. Mock Interviews3. Leadership Speaker4. Annual Lecture5. Constitution and Bylaws6. Fundraising  | 1. Residency-Fellowship Interviews 1/16. Involves Rho Chi, ASP, IPhO, and LKS2. Mock Interviews 1/21. 45 students participating.3. Leadership speaker 1/22. 40 minute lecture, 20 minute Q&A4. Apply for funding for Annual Lecture. Catering prices to be determined by 1/235. Update Rho Chi Constitution to reflect admittance of graduate students6. UNO’s fundraiser potentially 2/11 |
| 2/25/15 | 22 members | 1. Pharmacy Auction2. Speed Dating3. Annual Lecture4. Fundraising | 1. Pharmacy Auction 3/2. Events include cookouts, cruises, game night, and more with both students and faculty. Proceeds to go to Relay for Life2. Speed Dating topics include ambulatory care residency, clinical pharmacy residency, APPEs, industry, and more. 16 confirmed guests. 3. Annual Lecture budget approved. Purchase engraved plaque to thank Dr. Thakur for speaking. Rebecca’s catering to be served4. White coat fundraiser to take place in March. Order forms to be distributed to all classes. Successful UNO’s fundraiser held on 2/11. |

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

As we planned out this year’s events, the *Beta Tau* chapter made the decision to focus on the development of intellectual leaders, one of the Rho Chi Society’s mission and vision statements. *Beta Tau* sought to incorporate this leadership theme into each of its events and activities. The chapter was fortunate to have a Rho Chi alumnus visit from San Diego to give a talk about his leadership experiences in the Navy and to share some leadership pearls with the group. Other events, such as the Professional Speed Dating event, RX Wars, and the Pharmacy Auction, stressed the importance of intellectual engagement and encouraged students to network with faculty members and be proactive in their careers. The Mock Interview event allowed current Rho Chi members to serve as leaders and help younger students prepare in the early stages of their pharmacy careers. Further, the Research Compendium encouraged students in the School of Pharmacy to seek out research opportunities and engage in intellectual growth outside of the classroom. This overarching goal was to promote the development of intellectual leaders, not only for Rho Chi members, but throughout the School of Pharmacy itself. *Beta Tau* was successful in accomplishing this goal by furthering ongoing activities and programs, while seeking out new opportunities to promote leadership within the profession.

**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)

**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.)

The budget for this year was in place from previous years’ financial standings, beginning with $6,624.36 at the start of our term. We held two successful fundraising events that profited our budget to ensure maintaining our various events. Two of our events, the RxWars and the Annual Lecture, were financed by the Northeastern University Student Government Association (SGA) for food, drinks, posters, and miscellaneous supplies (such as buzzers for RxWars). Our other events, the Pharmacy Auction and Professional Speed Dating, provided light snacks and refreshments to participants and were funded by our budget directly.

**Fundraising activities**

Doughraisers at UNO’s

The first fundraiser took place on 2/11/15 at UNO’s on Huntington Ave. We strategically held this all-day event on the day of a P3 CDM exam, to encourage students to celebrate the end of their midterm. Flyers were sent out via social media (Facebook) and in class. Handing a flyer in with your bill enabled a donation of 15-20% of your bill directly to Rho Chi. Many students attended and brought various friends from within and outside of the pharmacy class. This event was a friendly social gathering for students to unwind after a strenuous period of studying.

White Coat Fundraiser

Our biggest fundraising event took place in March, whose purpose was to offer all professional pharmacy students a chance to purchase new white coats. We sold a total of 37 coats at $35/coat, mostly to P3 and P2 students, just in time for the beginning of the next semester and APPE rotations.

**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)

On June 13, 2014, 30 students were inducted into the *Beta Tau* Chapter of Rho Chi. Light hors d’ouvres and beverages were served to welcome the inductees into the Society. Dr. Jack Reynolds, Dean of the School of Pharmacy and Rho Chi National Past President, gave some welcoming words to the new inductees and their guests. After a brief reception, the officers and advisors led the inductees in reciting the Rho Chi Oath. After being initiated, inductees and their guests enjoyed dessert and were congratulated by current members, faculty, alumni, and guests.

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

The *Beta Tau* chapter of Rho Chi has had very active academic year. September kicked off with the publication of the annual Research Compendium which showcases faculty research and calls for student engagement in scholarship. The fall semester ended with our competitive RX Wars event, which pits faculty against students in several rounds of popular gameshows, pharmacy-themed of course. The spring semester started with mock interviewing practice for second-year students and a leadership speaker, both events co-programmed with the Phi Lambda Sigma leadership society. We look forward to more collaboration with other student groups to put on our successful events. Our philanthropic efforts were once again successful with the second annual Pharmacy Auction, which raised over $1600 for the School of Pharmacy Relay for Life team and the American Cancer Society. Two members attended the society's Annual Meeting in sunny San Diego where they elected our chapter advisor, Dr. Michael Gonyeau, to the position of Regional Counselor. Finally, the year concluded with the Annual Lecture given by Dr. Ganesh Thakur of the Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences. We are also excited to induct a new class of Rho Chi members in June of this year!

**Other information**: If you would like to provide other information about your chapter that was not included in the above categories (e.g., development of a new website, organizing a regional meeting, etc.), add it here: (Limit 500 words)

**Appendix 1**

**Chapter Activities Report Template**

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| Beta Tau, Northeastern University 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- Beta Tau Chapter WebsiteResearch CompendiumAnnual Lecture Bouvé Health Fair | The primary purpose of the website is to advertise and update Rho Chi events and activities. Members of the Rho Chi committee assembled a document that outlines what current research is being performed by Northeastern’s Bouve College of Health Sciences faculty. The Annual Lecture is a presentation done by either a School of Pharmacy or a Pharmaceutical Sciences faculty member where he/she presents their research. This event called for pharmacy organizations on campus to advocate health utilizing posters and discussion topics. Members of Rho Chi presented a poster on “Molly”.  | The website aligns with the Rho Chi mission statement as is it fosters fellowship between the members of the society.This activity directly related with the vision to “instill the desire to pursue intellectual excellence and critical inquiry to advance the profession” (Article 2, Section 1). This event follows the vision to “recognize excellence in intellectual achievement and foster fellowship among its members” (Article 2, Section 2).The Bouvé Health Fair aligns with the Rho Chi’s Mission Statements as it demonstrates that members have, “the desire to pursue intellectual excellence and critical inquiry to advance the profession.”  | 2 years5 yearsAt least 4 years7 years  | We have been trying to develop the website into a more active site to connect with alumni and the SOPThis year we have administered a survey to students to assess the usefulness of the Compendium. Also, we have included research from faculty from all of the health sciences disciplines.The activity can be evaluated by the attendance during the presentation and by the views on the recording of the session if it is available. The success of our posters has been subjectively measured by the response of the Northeastern community.  | 5 members5 members7 members10 members | Public websiteAll student in the school of pharmacy (about 700)60 students 100 campus community members | NoneNone$540 for food, $200 for supplies, and $120 for printing. $20 for poster and supplies |
| College of Pharmacy Events [non-academic, non-patient outreach] | RX WarsRho Chi Professional Speed DatingThe NU PharmacistRho Chi Mock Interviews & Phi Lambda Sigma Resume Review | Game show style event where students competed against faculty on pharmacy knowledgeStudents were able to interact with different upperclass students and faculty based on preferences ranging from Academia to APPEs to Residencies to Ambulatory care pharmacy and everything in between.The NU Pharmacist is the Beta Tau newsletter published twice a year with articles including current events, Rho Chi events, and faculty profiles. At this event, Rho Chi teamed up with Phi Lambda Sigma (PLS) Pharmacy Leadership Society to plan an event that would help prepare second year students for their first co-op experiences.  | Pursues intellectual excellence and critically inquiry into professionThis event promoted scholarly fellowship: it brought together faculty and pharmacy students of all levels into an interactive environment to learn about different areas of pharmacy.Allows for recognition of members via articles outlining chapter events as well as for inquiry into the profession of pharmacy surrounding current events.As intellectual leaders in the School of Pharmacy, our Rho Chi members served as a vital resource to the underclassmen students in preparing for their professional progression interviews and interviews for their first co-op experience.  | 5 years2 years9 years6 years | Subjectively measured by SOP community member responsePersonal inquiries from past attendees, both students and faculty alike have been conducted..Currently we do not have a method toevaluate its successReached out to last year's committee chair to ask for advice on how to go about planing/hosting the event and tips for success based on their experience with the Mock Interviews the previous year.  | 8 members 10 members7 members18 members | 40 SOP community members 25 non-members and faculty participated in the eventStudents/faculty in the NU SOP (~700 people)58 second-year students | $800 for food and supplies$50 total for snacks and advertisementNoneNone |
| Patient Outreach Events/ Community Service | Rho Chi Pharmacy Auction | The pharmacy auction provides students with a chance to “bid” on events hosted by participating faculty and upperclassman of the school of pharmacy.  | This event provides students with a chance to learn more about the field of pharmacy by interacting with the leaders of our school of pharmacy.  | 2 years | The number of students attending the event as well as their feedback with regards to the event have been used to assess the success of the activity. | 6 members  | 50 students  | $1,670 raised. Our budget was $200 for food and other expenses. |
| Fundraising Events | UNO DoughraiserWhite Coats Fundraiser | Fundraiser event at UNO Pizzeria. Flyers given to students, and when handed in with bill, donated 15-20% of bill to Rho Chi. New white coats were made available to order and purchase by all professional pharmacy students.  | Friendly social gathering, fostering a community-building environment. Particularly helpful for P3 students who will be starting APPE rotations in May. New and clean white coats are pivotal for maintaining professional attire while representing NU SOP  | 1 year5 years | NoneWas in contact with the prior president and the SOP to facilitate ordering the coats, reaching out to students, and ensuring a convenient process for students.  | 20 members5 members | 20 non-members32 non-members | Pending fundraiser amountSold 37 coats at $35/coat |

Appendix 2

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| **ITEM** | **Amount Debited ($$ spent)** | **Amount Credited ($$ raised)** | **Balance** | **Comment** |
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| **Balance forward** |  |  | $6,624.36 | Balance from last year |
| **Poster board** | $17 |  |  | Poster for Health Day Fair |
| Food/supplies for RxWars | $800 | $800 |  | Funded by SGA. Ordered pizza from Domino’s. Buzzers purchased. Awards for participants |
| Food/drinks for Pharmacy Auction | $200 |  |  | Light snacks |
| UNO Doughraiser |  | $Pending |  | Held on 2/11/15 |
| Food/drinks/advertisement for Professional Speed dating | $50 |  |  | Light snacks |
| Food/supplies for Annual Lecture | $760 | $860 |  | Funded by SGA. Catered by Rebecca’s. Gift award to speaker, Dr. Thakur |
| End of year meeting  | $100 |  |  | Food provided for members |
| White Coat Fundraiser |  | $Pending |  | Sold 37 coats |
|  |  |  | $Final balance TBD |  |
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