

Annual Chapter Report Outline

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

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Name of School/College: Northeastern University

Chapter Name & region: Beta Tau, Region 1

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

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Introduction

Number of Rho Chi student members at college or school, listed by class year and program:
Class of 2018: 4
Class of 2019: 20

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

Date	Attendance	Agenda	Action Steps
2017-09-25	18	1. General Remarks 2. Committee Chairs 3. Bouvé Health Fair 4. Research Compendium 5. Rx Wars 6. Newsletter 7. Auction 8. Annual Lecture	1. Email event materials to the advisors at least one week in advance for approval. Portfolio event forms obtainable from the officers and need to be send to PSGO two weeks before each event. Apply for SGA funding four months prior to events. 2. Committee chairs assigned and confirmed. 3. "Caffeine" topic confirmed. Information to be displayed on the poster will be sent to the advisors by 09/27/2017. Create a sign-up sheet to staff the booth. 4. Completion goal set for the end of October. Change to a living document in Google Slides for easier updating in the future. 5. Date set for 11/09/2017. Committee will begin contacting faculty. 6. Completion goal set for before Thanksgiving. 7. Potential conflicts with current date of 03/01/18. Decide on a new date and book a room accordingly. 8. Date set for 04/05/18. Start contacting faculty. Apply for funding before 01/19/18.
2017-10-30	18	1. Review Sessions 2. Research Compendium 3. Rx Wars 4. Newsletter 5. Mock Interviewing 6. Auction 7. Professional	1. Formation of a separate Review Session committee approved 2. Reminder email for faculty sent on 10/26/18. Distribution set for 11/01-11/03. 3. Determine food, prizes, and budgeting for the event. Faculty team

		Speed Dating 8. Annual Lecture	confirmed. 4. Deadline to email draft to advisors and Dean Reynolds set for 11/21/17. 5. Will follow up with Phi Lambda Sigma about the change in time and next steps. 6. Deadline of 11/17 to send a draft of the faculty email to Dr. Gonyeau. 7. Email sent asking to move date from 03/15/18 to 03/29/18. 8. Dr. Saczynski confirmed as the speaker. Budget submitted. Time still needs to be confirmed.
2017-11-27	18	1. Review Sessions 2. Newsletter 3. Mock Interviewing 4. Professional Speed Dating 5. Spring Meetings	1. Committee chair assigned and members confirmed. 2. First draft emailed to advisors on 11/21/17. Template changed. 3. Sign-up sheet created. 4. Rescheduled to 03/29/18 at 5-7pm. 5. Availability survey will be sent out before the end of the semester.
2018-01-29	13	1. Review Sessions 2. Auction 3. Professional Speed Dating 4. Fundraising	1. Sign-up sheet for all Spring semester sessions created. 2. Three confirmed offers. Remind faculty to email entries to the official email. 3. 14 Participants confirmed so far. Contact Taylor about set-up beforehand. 4. Applications sent to California Pizza Kitchen and Amelia's Taqueria. Fill out fundraising request form for White Coat Fundraiser and set up a meeting to organize ordering process.

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

The goals of the Beta Tau chapter this year were to further promote intellectual and professional development among pharmacy students, to foster collaboration and strengthen relationships between students and faculty members, and to enhance the impact of Rho Chi's activities within the School of Pharmacy. The chapter continued to host events for the student body that would promote intellectual and professional development, such as RxWars, Annual Lecture, Mock Interviewing & Résumé Review, and more which will be further discussed in the activities section. To foster collaboration and strengthen relationships between students and faculty, the Research Compendium was overhauled to improve ease of use for faculty and students. In addition, the annual Professional Speed Dating event and School of Pharmacy Auction continued to connect students with pharmacists and faculty from various fields within the profession. The chapter's impact on the School of Pharmacy was enhanced by analyzing the chapter's activities and making appropriate improvements, such as changing the Mock Interviewing/Résumé Review to include P4 students by offering mock PGY-1 residency interviews. A new committee was also formed to improve coordination of the Comprehensive Disease Management Exam Review sessions. The School of Pharmacy at the university has seen an increase in the number of events hosted by other student pharmacy organizations. To adapt, the chapter is planning to

reorganize the timing of activities and events, such as moving spring semester events to the fall semester, to improve student attendance and event impact.

Activities

- **Research Compendium:** This year our Research Compendium Committee completely overhauled the existing Rho Chi Research Compendium process by creating a living breathing compendium which the faculty can actively update at their own discretion as their research plans and student needs change. This change spearheaded by the committee chairs and members ensures that students across the entire Northeastern University School of Pharmacy will have access to the most the updated information and opportunities for them to get involved in research, complete their school capstone requirements, and further advance and develop the profession of pharmacy and roles of pharmacists in healthcare. The actions of this committee exemplify the Beta Tau chapter of The Rho Chi Society commitment and dedication to the mission of the organization of stimulating critical inquiry to advise pharmacy, fostering collaboration, and encouraging intellectual achievement.
- **Comprehensive Disease Management Exam Review sessions:** Dates/Locations: 2/4 (EV002), 2/11 (EV022), 3/18 (022 INV), 3/19 (378TF), 4/12 (300 Richards), 4/15 (019 INV). The chapter held review sessions covering the more difficult or important topics for exams in our main therapeutics class, Comprehensive Disease Management. These review events contributed to the development of intellectual leaders and stimulated critical inquiry to advance pharmacy by helping students learn more about treating and managing disease states from a pharmacist's perspective. This year we created a committee instead of having a few select members lead all sessions. This allowed for improved coordination and more even distribution of responsibilities. Additionally, we created a Google Drive to retain past review materials and create new ones, which will help with better preparing review sessions in the future. The review sessions conducted during the fall and spring semesters were attended by and benefited approximately 250 students.
- **Mock Interviewing & Resume Review:** Rho Chi co-hosted its annual combined Résumé Review and Mock Interviewing event with Phi Lambda Sigma (PLS) on January 17, 2018 in 140 The Fenway, Room 378. The event provided PP2 students the opportunity to receive critique and suggestions on their résumés from pharmacy students in the upper levels of the curriculum and allowed both PP2 and P4 students to practice their interviewing techniques and answers via mock interviewing led by Rho Chi and PLS members. Volunteers from Rho Chi and PLS were given résumé templates and potential interview questions, which they used to assist students with their résumé and interview answers. Volunteers were also encouraged to use and share their own interviewing experiences to assist students. Rho Chi's mission statement includes fostering collaboration; completion of this event supports this element of the statement as students in both Rho Chi and PLS worked together to help the event run smoothly and ultimately provide students with helpful résumé and interviewing information. The mission statement also calls for members of the Rho Chi Society to contribute to the development of intellectual leaders; by sharing their résumé and interviewing knowledge and experiences, Rho Chi members are helping foster success in fellow pharmacy students. Previously, this event was open to PP2 students only. This year, we extended the mock interviewing portion of the event to P4 students, exposing them to potential residency interview questions. Overall, the event was a success, assisting about 25 PP2 students with their résumé development and interviewing abilities, and about 20 P4 students

with their interviewing techniques.

- **Professional Speed Dating:** The annual Professional Speed Dating event was held on March 29, 2018 in 140 The Fenway, Room 378. We invited speakers including faculty members, P4 pharmacy students, and pharmacists representing institutional, community, and industry practice sites to talk with students in a small group setting. Students rotated through each speaker's station every ten minutes and had the opportunity to ask questions and learn about each speaker's professional experiences. This event promoted the collaboration of pharmacists and students with different professional experiences and interests and facilitated their learning about potential career paths that students can pursue. By rotating through all of the speakers, students were able to develop their personal interests as future leaders of the profession. We were successful in recruiting a wider variety of speakers for students to learn about different areas of pharmacy practice. Additionally, we had a wide variety of approximately 30 students participating, representing each class from first year students to P4 students. We utilized a smaller budget compared to last year and decided to serve pizza at the event which helped increase student participation, as well as create a more comfortable environment for students to network with the speakers.

- **Rx Wars:** Rx Wars was held on November 9, 2017 in 140 The Fenway, Room 378. As a Rho Chi Society annual and traditional event, Rx Wars allows Northeastern School of Pharmacy students and faculty members to come together for a fun night of pharmacy and pop culture trivia. A student team competes against a faculty team in rounds of Family Feud and Jeopardy while an audience made up of both watch and cheer on. This year, questions were updated to reflect current pharmaceutical and clinical sciences and "The Weakest Link" rounds were removed to improve audience engagement. Built around competition, this event fosters collaboration within teams but also requires participants to uphold professional conduct throughout. Approximately 35 students attended the event.

- **Bouvé Health Fair and Flu Clinic:** The Bouvé Health Fair and Flu Clinic is an annual event that took place on October 4, 2017 in the Curry Student Center at Northeastern University. This event is a collaboration between several student organizations within the school of pharmacy as well as nursing and emergency medical services. This fair features free flu shots, various health screenings including cholesterol, blood pressure, blood glucose and body fat, free health information, giveaways, and yoga and zumba classes. This event brings together nearly a thousand members of the Northeastern community and helps to educate and empower them to take an active role in taking care of their health. This event aligns with Rho Chi's mission by encouraging interprofessional collaboration between healthcare professionals and fostering leadership in the profession of pharmacy by promoting healthcare in the community. This year, Rho Chi held a table with information about caffeine, including the benefits, adverse effects, drug interactions, and more. Hundreds of people stopped by our booth to learn, ask questions and engage with our members. We wanted to choose a topic this year that was directly related to college students, knowing that caffeine use is extremely prevalent among college campuses, and address any misconceptions students and faculty may have had.

- **School of Pharmacy Auction for the American Cancer Society:** The auction was held on March 15, 2018 in 140 The Fenway, Room 378 with approximately 25 guests in attendance. At this annual fundraiser for Relay for Life, faculty members auctioned off various networking events for students to bid on in order to foster closer relationships between students and faculty. Some auction items this year included lunch at an art museum with the Dean, karaoke, a tour of Boston harbor, dinner at a professor's home, and more. Auction items were expanded this year to

include local pharmacy residents as well as faculty members. In addition, a faculty member was selected as the auctioneer rather than a student which improved the execution of the auction and flow of the event. All of the proceeds, \$1325, were donated to the American Cancer Society via Relay for Life.

- Annual Lecture: The Annual Lecture was held on April 12, 2018 in 140 The Fenway, Room 378 with approximately 22 people in attendance. This event invites a clinical or scientific faculty member to present her or his current research to the Northeastern University community. Through this event, we have fulfilled the Rho Chi mission of recognizing intellectual achievement by inviting faculty members to teach others about their research. We hope to encourage the desire to pursue scholarly excellence, to serve the community through both career experiences and research, and to foster collaboration between members of the Northeastern community. The event aims to advance pharmacy through critical inquiry of active research and development with faculty and student involvement. Our invited speaker is Dr. Jane Saczynski, who is an associate professor in the Pharmacy and Health System Sciences department. Dr. Saczynski provided a presentation regarding her research on using technology to enhance prescribing anticoagulation therapy for patients with atrial fibrillation in her SUPPORT-AF study. Compared to previous years, there was less attendance, but this may be attributed to the fact that the event was rescheduled to be later in the semester due to a conflict with RISE, a major university-wide research event. Also, there has been an increase in the number of pharmacy events and attendance has been a widespread issue across a majority of organizations. For future years, it is recommended to move the lecture to earlier in the semester and at an earlier time. Despite the expectation for higher attendance, the presentation went well and Dr. Saczynski delivered an engaging and insightful lecture on the promising findings of her research. An improvement made from previous years was the reduction in budget used for food and set-up.

Financial Budgeting

Our chapter's primary expenses were food and graduation honors cords. Based on expenses, attendance, and comments from previous years, we adjusted our budgets while maintaining a maximum of \$200/event. For the annual lecture and induction ceremony, our most expensive events, we submitted budget requests to draw on our university's student activities fee so as to avoid out of pocket expenses for our chapter. The annual lecture budget was approved and entirely funded while the induction ceremony budget request is to be submitted at a future date.

To offset our expenses, we hosted two fundraisers. Our fundraising committee planned a White Coat Fundraiser. We had about equal sales as last year's fundraiser, but at a higher sale price to help offset event expenses. The coats were costly and only select students elected to buy new coats, as students receive free coats at the white coat ceremony when they enter the professional phase of pharmacy school. Although there were barriers to this fundraiser, it is still important to make such purchases available to students who need replacements for any reason (e.g., lost, stained), or who wish to have multiple coats for APPE rotations. In the future, we will suggest more advertising of the fundraiser to ensure all students know of the opportunity to purchase a new coat and to hopefully increase our revenue. We also held a restaurant fundraiser near campus to raise more funds to offset the expenses of this year. This event was considered successful, as it has been in the past, and will likely be held again next year.

Installation Function

The initiation function will be held during September 2018. The e-board and advisors agreed that the decision to move the ceremony from the summer to the fall semester for 2017 was beneficial in terms of faculty attendance and morale. The event is currently in the planning stages. We plan to continue to encourage faculty participation, and we hope to see a similar level of renewed energy associated with the beginning of the semester at this year's event that we saw previously.

Evaluation/Reflection

As in previous years, the chapter's activities involved detailed planning and successful execution. Our goals for the year centered on improving the value and utility of our events to the School of Pharmacy in order to promote attendance at events and greater use of our published resources by the community. One activity that underwent major revisions was construction and distribution of the Research Compendium. While the purpose of this document is to disseminate information about faculty research projects in general, we recognized that most students use the document to find a faculty mentor to collaborate with for a capstone project. Students may complete these projects any time of year, which prompted us to transform the compendium from a static PDF to a dynamic Google document that could be continuously updated to give students the most updated information. We also expanded our Mock Interviewing event to include not only pre-professional students preparing for their first co-op interviews but also P4 students preparing for residency and fellowship interviews. This change broadened the potential audience for the event and dramatically increased attendance. We continued to involve faculty members in nearly all of our activities, which provided great networking opportunities for participating students. In terms of areas of improvement, we believe advertising of our events could be enhanced. We have noticed that emails sent by the pharmacy student government organization have been less reliably read by students, which hinders our advertising efforts. Although we continue to remain active on our chapter's Facebook page, we have found it difficult to ensure that students of all ages hear about our events given each class has their own private Facebook group. We intend to work with other leaders of pharmacy student organizations to collectively find a better way to advertise our events and to ensure that they are nicely spread out across the semester to promote attendance. We will also continue collaborating with other pharmacy organizations to draw larger audiences and to share resources to ease planning burden for our larger events. As always, we will continue to promote academic and professional excellence on campus in alignment with the mission of Rho Chi.

Other Information

Sixth meeting (not enough rows above): 04/02/2018. 13 members, Agenda: 1. Fundraising 2. Annual Lecture 3. Newsletter 4. Review Sessions, Action Steps: 1. White coat orders have been placed. Five Guys fundraiser set for 04/03/18 at 5-9pm. Survey for shirt design options will be sent out. 2. Approved as a portfolio event and food ordered. Set-up starts at 4:30pm. Make Facebook event and post reminders in class pages starting 04/09/18. 3. First draft will be completed and sent to advisors by 04/03/18. 4. Draft a schedule for summer semester and contact

course coordinators.