Annual Chapter Report Outline

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

Date of report submission: May 15, 2015

**Name of School/College:** Southern Illinois University Edwardsville

**Chapter name and region:** Delta Beta IV-West

**Delegate who attended the Rho Chi Annual Meeting:** Luke Piarowski (P3)

**Date Delegate’s name was submitted to Rho Chi.:** March 25, 2015

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

President – Elizabeth Lass- elass@siue.edu

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Secretary – Kaycee Dycus- kdycus@siue.edu

Treasurer – Sarah Cook- scook@siue.edu

Historian – Zac Hill- zahill@siue.edu

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

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

President – Katherine Olson- kaolson@siue.edu

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Secretary – Ashlen Dunn- asdunn@siue.edu

Treasurer – Ashley Marchello- amarche@siue.edu

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**Introduction**:

The following report summarizes the meetings, fundraising events and financial activities that took place during the Fall semester of 2014 through the Spring semester of 2015.

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

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| **Date** | **Attendance** | **Agenda** | **Action Steps** |
| 8-6-14 | Executive Board and Faculty Advisors | -Clothing Sale-Welcome Back Day-Fall Event Schedule-Hope Lodge Event | -Create a flyer for Clothing Sale.-Design a banner and brief hand out for Welcome Back Day.-Email out and set up Volleyball Cookout.-Plan Hope Lodge community service event. |
| 10-1-14 | Executive Board and Faculty Advisors | -Reference booklets-Hope Lodge Event-Soup-er Bowl-Donations from Alumni | -Collect orders for reference booklets and get orders in before finals week.-Start working on printing process for reference booklets.-Plan logistics for Hope Lodge Event. |
| 10-14-14 | All Rho Chi members and Faculty Advisors | -Pages sent out for booklet review to professors-Discussion of CEP event-Hope Lodge details | -Plan event with CEP students-Let printing company know next steps to moving forward with fundraiser. -Plan Soup-er Bowl on Jan 15th. |
| 11-6-14  | Executive Board and Faculty Advisors  | -Booklet orders-Thank You cards for faculty | -Start taking orders for Booklets.-Collect money upfront for orders.-Sign Thank You cards for faculty. |
| 1-7-15 | Executive Board and Faculty Advisors | -Discuss Soup-er Bowl-Cutting of booklet pages-Banquet-Faculty Award | -Cut booklets on MLK day.-Plan initiation banquet logistics.-Discuss end-of-year duties. |
| 3-23-15 | Executive Board and Faculty Advisors | -Induction Banquet -End of year transitions | -Discuss each person’s role in the banquet.-Discuss manner of transition.-Plan meeting with new officers for April. |
| 4-9-15 | Executive Board and Faculty Advisors | -Transition of Duties-General Meeting scheduling-CEP Bowling Event-What to Improve Upon-Discussion of Professor Wuller retirement | -Hand over duties, explain positions.-Schedule a General Meeting for incoming P3 class.-Schedule Bowling event on campus.-Plan activities to commemorate Professor Wuller’s service including guest speakers lecture series. |
| 4-15-15 | All Rho Chi members and Faculty Advisors | -Recognition of Professor Wuller-Discussion of reference booklets-CEP Bowling event | -Discussed logistics of CEP program.-Bowling event.-Recognized Professor Wuller and announced plans going forwardOutlined expectations of members for the reference booklets. |

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

* Encourage educational excellence and leadership among members.
* Develop camaraderie and enhance communication among members.
* Promote community involvement through volunteer opportunities and fundraising events.

**Activities**:

**Clothing Sale Fundraiser**

In the month of August, Rho Chi hosted the first ever clothing sale fundraiser. Items sold included sweatshirts, baseball t-shirts, hats, and coffee mugs. Rho Chi officers created the designs and selected which items to sell. Rho Chi used Casual Tees (Edwardsville, IL) as a printing company to help create these items for sale. Funds from the sale were used for the year’s events, both for social and community service activities.

**Rho-Chi Cookout:**

 The Rho Chi Cookout/Fall Event took place at Bluff Hall on Thursday, August 28th from 7:00 pm-9:00 pm. Several Rho Chi officers and members helped out with cooking and setup, hosting a group of around 25-30 people including Rho Chi Faculty members. CEP students were invited as well and appeared to enjoy having such an event close to the residence halls for their participation. This allowed for the CEP students to meet and get to know each other outside of the classroom setting. The sand volleyball court served as a proper venue that everyone appeared to enjoy a great deal.

**Halloween CEP Party**: On Wednesday, October 29th, CEP students were invited for an opportunity to network with current Rho Chi pharmacy students on the pharmacy school campus. Ice breakers were used as activities with pizza being served. This served as a worthwhile venture to acclimate CEP students to the pharmacy school campus as well as provision of advice from current students on how to succeed in the pharmacy program.

**Hope Lodge:** On Wednesday, November 5th 10 Rho Chi members cooked and ate a taco dinner with about 40 patients residing at the facility. Faculty advisors made donations of food and drink. Students brought a dessert for afterwards. It proved to be a very positive experience for Rho Chi and served as a great opportunity for community service with the hope of it becoming an annual event.

**SOUP-er Bowl:**

 On Thursday January 29th the Rho Chi Delta Beta Chapter hosted their annual SOUP-er Bowl fundraiser. At this event a variety of soups including vegetable, chili, potato, etc., were sold to students, faculty and staff at the SIUe School of Pharmacy. Rho Chi members, SIUe School of Pharmacy students, faculty and staff donated all soups and supplies needed for the event. Discounts on soup prices were given to customers that donated a canned food item. A panel of judges critiqued the soups and prizes were awarded to the winner of each category. This event allowed the Rho Chi Delta Beta chapter to give back to the community by donating the collected canned goods to a local food pantry. This was a successful fundraising event that will likely be continued annually.

**Reference Books:**

 In order to further the Rho Chi society’s vision of “instilling the desire to pursue intellectual intelligence” the Delta Beta chapter sold Quick Pharmaceutical Reference Books to the students at the SIUe School of Pharmacy. These books contain up-to-date guideline recommendations, as well as useful charts and tables that will aid in the pharmacy school curriculum and advanced practice experiences. The Class of 2016 executive board assigned sections to Rho Chi members to update the Quick Reference Books and sell them to students and alumni of the SIUE School of Pharmacy. This will likely be an annual fundraising event held by the Rho Chi Delta Beta Chapter.

**CEP Bowling and Ice Cream Buffet-** On April 23rd, CEP members met with current Rho Chi Delta Beta chapter students for a night of bowling and ice cream courtesy of Rho Chi. Several students participated in the bowling and became more acquainted with several of the Rho Chi members. They sought out advice on pharmacy school from a student’s perspective and a great deal of fun was had in the process.

**Financial/ Budgeting**: The officers determined minimal finances needed to fund the installation, Faculty Achievement Award and provide support to a community organization. Fund raising events to cover the costs were planned and budgeted accordingly. Finances and the budget are approved by the faculty advisor who is designated as “Financial Officer” for the organization by the University. Professor Wuller is the chapter financial officer.

**Initiation Function**:

The initiation of the Class of 2016 Rho Chi Delta Beta Chapter took place on Thursday April 2, 2015 in the Morris University Center. Sixteen members of the class of 2017 were inducted into the Rho Chi Delta Beta Chapter. In addition, the officers for the Rho Chi Class of 2016 were installed including: President Katherine Olson, Vice President Zachary Righter, Secretary Ashlen Dunn, Treasurer Ashley Marchello, and Historian Abigail Buchman. The initiation ceremony commenced with speeches provided by the Director of Experiential Education and Rho Chi faculty advisor, Professor Bill Wuller as well as the co-advisor McKenzie Ferguson and current members of the Executive board. In addition, Dr. Miranda Wilhelm, the recipient of the 2015 Rho Chi Faculty award, provided a speech as she received her award. Following the initiation ceremony dinner was provided for all attendees.

**Rho Chi Graduation Recognition Ceremony-**

On Saturday May 9, 2015, there was a graduation recognition ceremony for Rho Chi members of the class of 2015. The recognition ceremony included speeches from Dr. Gireesh Gupchup, Dean of the school of pharmacy, Professor Bill Wuller, the Rho Chi Faculty Advisor, Dr. McKenzie Ferguson, chapter Co-advisor, and Elizabeth Lass, the current president. This ceremony was designed to recognize the achievement of the graduates and to share the mission of The Rho Chi Society to recognize excellence in intellectual achievement and to encourage high standards of conduct and character among its members. After a brief history of the Rho Chi Society and a summary of the chapter’s activities throughout the year, graduates were presented with their cords and medallions.

**Evaluation/Reflection**:

The events and fundraising efforts organized by the Rho Chi Class of 2016 exemplified the message that our organization wishes to portray to the surrounding community of SIUE. They have established a firm foundation for the financial stability as well as the reputation of Rho Chi as a leader among organizations at the SIUE School of Pharmacy.

**Other information**:

On 4/9/15, the current officers from the Class of 2016 met with incoming officers to discuss goals for the 2015-2016 school year. The goals discussed were fundraising (including a clothing sale, reference booklets, and the SOUP-er Bowl). Further charity involvement was discussed. Further events as well as activities were discussed to continue the excellence of the organization going forward.

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|  | Dollars Spent | Dollars Earned | Account Balance | Comments |
| Initial Balance (5/14) | - | - | $972.74 | $229.98 of this total is contained in a separate SIUE campus account |
| Clothing Sale | $2627.00 | $3760.00 | $2105.74 | First-ever chapter clothing sale |
| Hope Lodge Event | $200.00 | - | $1905.74 | Volunteer event providing cancer patients and their families dinner |
| Conditional Entry Program (CEP) Event – Pizza | $16.03 | - | $1889.71 | Additional pizza costs not covered by CEP funds |
| Reference Booklet Sale | $404.31 | $855.00 | $2340.40 | Sold 75 booklets |
| Souper Bowl Fundraiser | $15.95 | $60.00 | $2384.45 | Additionally collected over 60 canned goods to donate to GlenEd Food Pantry |
| Rho Chi National | $1527.50 | $2043.00 | $2899.95 | New member dues and pins; cords and medallions; additional income for banquet costs |
| Induction Banquet | $1050.00\* | - | $1849.95\* | 68 people attended this event |
| Final Balance (5/15) | - | - | $1849.95\* | $379.98\* of this total is contained in a separate SIUE campus account |

\*Unable to verify amount in the SIUE campus account until after 5/15/15.