# **Annual Chapter Report Outline**

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

**Date of report submission:** 2018-05-14

Name of School/College: Southern Illinois University Edwardsville

Chapter Name & region: Delta Beta – Region IV-W

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#### Introduction

For the 2017 -2018 academic year, our Rho Chi chapter at SIUE School of Pharmacy continued the tradition passed on by Class of 2018 officers, and had many successful events that promoted communication and leadership growth. Throughout the year, activities centered on member growth and community engagement. Our Class of 2019 (currently P3) has 16 members initiated in 2017. With the help of co-advisors Dr. Ferguson and Dr. Sheley, our events collectively achieved participation of every P3 chapter member. Our events also reached SIUE School of Pharmacy students, faculties, alumni, SIUE Conditional Entry Program (CEP) students, and several focused community/patient groups in the SIUE and greater St. Louis area communities. Our fundraising goals were met, which supported interactive events with CEP students, service events, leadership lecture, and induction of new members. We also completed new officer election and initiated the transition process for Class of 2020.

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

Date	Attendance	Agenda	Action Steps
2018- 08-24	– Executive Board – Faculty Advisors	<ul> <li>First board meeting –</li> <li>CEP event -Volunteer</li> <li>opportunity –</li> <li>Fundraising: consider</li> <li>Clothing and reference</li> <li>booklet sale</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Discussed agenda for the first meeting –</li> <li>Decide on date and location for the Rho</li> <li>Chi and CEP social – Consider volunteer</li> <li>opportunities – Decided on which</li> <li>fundraising goal and events – Decided</li> <li>other events to focus on for fall semester</li> </ul>
2017- 09-26	– Executive Board – Faculty Advisors	– General meeting – Fundraising – CEP – Outreach	<ul> <li>Selected fundraising eventsReflected</li> <li>Back to School Meet and Greet event with</li> <li>CEP students Set up Pre-pharmacy</li> <li>association meeting visit - Decided on</li> <li>doing Hope Lodge service.</li> </ul>
2017- 10-13	– Executive Board	– William Wuller speaker – Clothing sale – Hope Lodge – CEP Event – Member updates	<ul> <li>Starting sale of porcupine T-shirts –</li> <li>Considered business fundraisers – To</li> <li>prepare for Rho Chi clothing sale – Set</li> <li>tentative date and food for Hope Lodge</li> <li>service event. – Decided to join PPAG for</li> <li>Salvation Army service event. – Summary</li> <li>of outreach for next semester.</li> </ul>

		– General meeting – T-
	- Executive	shirt sale – Fall clothing
2017-	Board –	sale – Hope Lodge –
11-07	Faculty	Salvation Army Angel
	Advisors	Tree – CEP Christmas
		Party

 Reflected on T-Shirt sale – Started Fall clothing sale – Decided on 11/30 to go to Hope Lodge, volunteers sign up – Set up for Angel Tree sign up. – Planned for CEP party

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

This year, our Rho Chi chapter was very excited to begin a year of intellectual achievement, leadership, and service. We set our goals to enhance these areas for the chapter and promote membership communication and involvement. Specifically, our goals were to conduct at least 2 Rho Chi and CEP mentorship events, set up at least 2 service events each semester to promote outreach, and to ensure student attendance at our 2nd Annual William Wuller Leadership Speaker Series event. We aimed to foster collaboration with other pharmacy organizations in the pharmacy school in order to extend our outreach to serve more people in the community. We continue to encourage and recognize the students within our school who achieve high intellectual achievement and strive to support our members to further their accomplishments.

# Activities

Member communication - Facebook, newsletter

1. In March 20, 2017, we created a Facebook page for Class of 2019 Rho Chi members to keep everyone up to date on Rho Chi events.

2. We also keep in touch with SIUE CEP (Conditional Entry Program) students and keep them informed using email and CEP Facebook page.

3. We have representative on SRC (Student Representative Council), and post upcoming events on SRC newsletter.

4. Rho Chi newsletter. We decided to update the newsletter annually and sent to alumni right in the beginning of the fall semester.

# Pharmacy School Open House

On August 10, 2017, each SIUE School of Pharmacy student organization presents itself to the whole school. We had a tri-fold poster with banner and some previous events pictures for Rho Chi. During the one-hour event, we welcomed continuous visits at our table and told new students what events Rho Chi did and how we worked with the CEP students.

# Fall CEP Event

On September 20, 2017, we welcomed CEP students as their mentors at the School of Pharmacy. Twenty CEP students joined the evening event. We played ice breakers, games, had Q&A with Rho Chi members at the volleyball court in Bluff Hall. Food and drink were provided.

# T-shirt sale in October

In September 2017, Rho Chi officers created funny/nerdy T-shirt design with porcupines. The sale was mainly targeted at CEP and pre-pharmacy students. It is our first time doing the fun T-shirt sale. We recommend it to be continued next year, and start earlier than October.

# **Clothing Sale**

November clothing sale was our biggest fundraiser. We set the delivery date at the beginning of December. The SOP clothing is also a great gift idea fundraiser as a lot of family members enjoy getting them and we offer winter items. We started advertising 3 weeks beforehand, and emailed to SOP, CEP students, and alumni. We also used Facebook for more advertising. Items sold included short sleeve T-shirt, long sleeve T-shirt, sweatshirts, sweater, sweatpants in red/black/grey/navy colors. We accepted cash, check, credit card and Venmo. Funds from the sale were used for the year's events, both for social and community service activities.

# CEP Christmas party

On November 24 2017, we invited CEP students to the School of Pharmacy, played Christmas games, Kahoots, and raffled off clothing, Starbucks gift cards. The event was popular among CEP students.

# Hope Lodge

On November 30, 2017, Rho Chi members sponsored dinner at the American Cancer Society HOPE Lodge in St. Louis. There were about 50 people (patients and their family members). We cooked and served beef taco, assortment of chips, cookies, cupcakes, and brought soda and water. Rho Chi volunteers interacted with the residents, and the residents really enjoyed seeing new faces.

# Salvation Army Angel Tree

In December 2017, we partnered with PPAG and SIUE main campus through the Pharmacy School Student Senators for Student Government to donate gifts. We sponsored 6 angels. All of the presents are due mid-December. Everyone was encouraged to spend around \$25 per kid. We made sure that if the kids have siblings that all the people sponsoring them are in contact with each other to make sure they get the same amount of presents. We collected the gifts and turned them into main campus who wrapped all the presents.

#### SOUPer Bowl

On January 18, 2018, we hold the event on the event at SOP for all students and faculties. Rho Chi faculty and Rho Chi Students prepared soups and collected donations. Cash and collected canned goods were donated to the Glen Ed Food Pantry.

#### Elections

In March 2018, we informed new members about different positions for the executive board and the new member induction. We sent out an email with officer descriptions, emails to contact current board members, and a survey monkey for elections. New officers were elected.

#### New Member Induction

On April 5, 2018, we had new member induction ceremony. The executive board members all attended the new member induction. New members with their guests, several School of Pharmacy faculties attended the ceremony.

Faculty Award In February of 2018, we sent out emails with the Faculty Award Nomination form to current Rho Chi members. Only faculty who are in Rho Chi can be nominated. Dr. Jing Hecht was the recipient of the 2018 Rho Chi Faculty Award, and was recognized at the Rho Chi banquet.

# William Wuller Speaker Series

On April 24, 2018, our invited speaker Dr. Diana Isaacs gave an inspirational leadership lecture in the second annual William Wuller Speaker series. Out honored Dr. William Wuller also attended the lecture this year. This lecture series was focused on encouraging both members and non-members to purse intellectual excellence and leadership.

# Officer transition meeting

On April 20, 2018, the current officers from the Class of 2019 met with incoming officers to discuss goals for the 2018-2019 school year. The goals discussed were fundraising (including clothing sales 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.

# 3rd CEP Event

On April 18, 2018, Rho Chi members from Class of 2019, Class of 2020, and CEP students worked together and decorated nearly one hundred pairs of socks with non-slip paint. The no-slip "silly" socks are then donated to the STL VA.

# **Financial Budgeting**

We reviewed the revenue and expenses from last year to create a budget. Then, we re-evaluated the budget based on the profits made from each fundraiser. Our main focus was to finance the initiation reception for new members. We also wanted to organize multiple events for the conditional entry program students that we mentor and to provide a substantial meal for HOPE Lodge St. Louis. The budget was set accordingly. This year two clothing sales and the SOUPer bowl fundraiser were organized to cover our expenses.

#### **Installation Function**

The initiation of the Class of 2020 Rho Chi Delta Beta Chapter took place on Thursday, April 5, 2018 in the SIUE Morris University Center. 16 members of the class of 2020 were inducted into the Rho Chi Delta Beta Chapter. Inductees, families, and friends attended the ceremony. In addition, the officers for the Rho Chi Class of 2020 were installed. Class of 2019 officers and faculty advisors spoke at the ceremony and honored Dr. Jing Hecht as the recipient of the 2018 Rho Chi Faculty Award. Dinner was provided for all attendees following the initiation ceremony.

# **Evaluation/Reflection**

The fundraising events were successful in promoting the mission and vision of the Rho Chi Society, as well as giving back the community and encouraging intellectual excellence. We introduced porcupine-design T shirt sale in October of 2017. We could have better outcome if the sale was earlier than October. The SOUPer Bowl event attracted many students and faculties and was a great opportunity for both fundraising and charitable service. The events with CEP students were welcomed as demonstrated by their continued participation in the events throughout the year. Members enjoyed participating in service events, especially the Hope Lodge with cancer patient family, SOUPer Bowl, and the diabetic socks making for VA. We used both email and Facebook as major channels for member communications, which was helpful in event organization and member interaction.

# **Other Information**

Other executive meeting held monthly not included above due to space limitation.