

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: Sullivan University College of Pharmacy

Chapter Name & region: Delta Kappa, Region IV_E

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2017-11-06

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Introduction

During the 2017-2018 academic year, the members of the Delta Kappa chapter worked hard to increase Rho Chi's impact throughout the school. We continued and improved plans from previous years, and implemented fresh ideas in order to help others. We continued to help PY2 students by sending out Therapeutics review questions, approved by relevant faculty, prior to each Therapeutics exam. Our PP events impacted both PY1 and PY2 students, as did our new Facebook tutoring system, which offered a modern, convenient approach to tutoring. The way that tutoring was offered in previous years was unsuccessful due to pharmacy students' generally busy lives. Our members did a great job setting up and securing the funding needed to run these programs.

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

Date	Attendance	Agenda	Action Steps
2017-04-13	Officers	Fundraising; PPE	Justin will speak with Dr. Miller about raffle; Jessica will follow up with business that may be donating for PP event; Aaron will send out Facebook survey regarding food for PP event; Continue to figure out logistics for tutoring email service; Dr. Elder is ordering cords for graduation; Meredith follow up with grant proposal
2017-09-06	Officers (Skype Meeting)	Initiation Planning	Justin is looking into different places to have initiation, will follow-up with best option; Katherine is also looking to places; discussed cost of places already toured
2017-10-04	Officers (Skype Meeting)	PPE planning; Fundraising	Jessica will follow up on donations for door prizes; Meredith will send confirmation emails to professors leading reviews; Jessica will order and pick up food/drinks from Costco; print flyers and hang up around SUCOP
2017-11-03	Officers and prospective	Informational session outlining Rho Chi's	New officers need to meet with current officers for position information

members purpose, mission, vision
and the benefits of
joining Rho Chi; Officer
elections for Class of
2019

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

Our primary goal for the 2017 – 2018 year was to plan events, which reflected our Society's mission and vision. We organized several Procrastination Prevention (PP) events, the goal of which, are to actively engage students in their academic endeavors and improve current study techniques. Rooms are reserved for quiet study, group learning, and facilitator-led studies, all of which highlights the various study techniques/styles utilized by students.

In addition to these events, Rho Chi designed an open Facebook page for students to post study questions, which were then answered by current Rho Chi members. Similarly, the Therapeutics Committee continued organizing Therapeutics reviews for PY2 pharmacy students prior to each Therapeutics exam. As a whole, the services provided were aimed towards enhancing the overall academic success of each student.

Activities

Delta Kappa chapter's presence within SUCOP is strongly evident in our PP events as well as our exam reviews for Pharmacotherapeutics. Pharmacotherapeutics is an ongoing service that has been provided by Rho Chi for many years, whereas the PP events are fairly newer on Sullivan's campus. Our chapter selects one of our current members in the third year to be chair for the Therapeutics Committee, as well as an Event/Fundraising Committee.

Due to much interest in the Therapeutics Committee, the 2017-2018 committee was co-chaired by Miranda Mazingo and Spencer Bolton and included several other PY3 members. Throughout the year, each committee member is responsible for creating questions for assigned lectures and/or topics and creating detailed explanations. Questions are then sent to the lecturer prior to being sent to students to ensure quality and accuracy. The questions are then compiled into a word document and sent to PY2 students a few days prior to the exam. The Therapeutics Committee is also responsible for keeping a close eye on the Rho Chi Facebook page, scheduling members to respond to questions, as well as promote its use. However, unfortunately due to the lack of participation and/or utilization we will need to develop ways to revamp its use in the coming year.

Similarly to the Therapeutics Committee, due to much interest, the Event/Fundraising Committee was co-chaired by Brittany Brown and Jessica Thomson, and included several other PY3 members. Throughout the year, the committee is responsible for acquiring the necessary funds needed to provide popular events such as the PP events. The Committee is also responsible for organizing these events and promoting their use and attendance throughout SUCOP. Throughout the 2017 – 2018 we were able to provide several PP events which focused on engaging PY1, PY2 and PY3 SUCOP students. Each event focuses on a course of focus that has

proven to be difficult, and the timing of each is to ensure students are studying well in advance to the exam of focus. The events included free food, snack bags with study supplies, and even door prizes based on the length of time students stayed. Faculty members were invited to lead review sessions, and current Rho Chi members were available for questions. Currently our goal is to provide these events with each quarter.

PP events and Therapeutics reviews are chapter activities that fully align with the Society's mission. In the next academic year, we will continue to utilize our resources to provide quality PP events and enhance student participation throughout SUCOP, as well as continue our efforts to optimize learning through our Therapeutics reviews.

Financial Budgeting

Our goals for fundraising annually are to cover the cost of our initiation ceremony, PP events and the cost of purchasing honors cords for our graduating members. Our large fundraising event involved hosting a dinner at LouVino for Rho Chi members. The management of LouVino agreed to match what was spent, up to \$100, in gift cards that were used as giveaways at PP events. This dinner served as both a fundraiser and an opportunity for Rho Chi members to gather socially and get to know each other better. We also hosted a fundraiser, selling raffle tickets to win a \$100 gift card. This fundraiser raised \$135. For each PP event, we ordered pizza and provided drinks to all students participating in the event. We also assembled small goodie bags with candy and stress balls that we handed out to participants. All non-perishable food items and goodie bags that were not used were saved for use at the next event. The total amount spent on all four PP events was \$491.72 (see event breakdown in budget table below). In addition to our LouVino dinner, monetary support was provided by member dues, which were \$100 each, and money from the Office of the Dean (\$1000 plus \$200 for food given to all student organizations). Together, this support was enough to cover the cost of the initiation banquet, \$1,096.71, PP events and the estimated cost of cords for graduating members.

Installation Function

Initiation for the class of 2019 Rho Chi members took place in the Henry Crist room at Paroquet Springs in Shepherdsville, Kentucky on November 19, 2017. Attendees included sixteen new student members and their guests, four of the five current officers, and two faculty members (45 guests in total). Dr. Kim Elder began the ceremony with a welcome speech that congratulated the new initiates on their academic success and emphasized the importance of continuing to learn. Following the welcome speech, we provided the guests a dinner buffet. After dinner, the actual initiation ritual was led by the current officers. Following the initiation ritual, we inducted the officer-elects. Dr. Yuan Zhao then gave the closing remarks and final congratulations for the new members. This is the first time the ceremony has been planned at this location, the previous three years were planned at the U of L Country Club in Simpsonville, Kentucky. The ceremony was successful and enjoyable, and either location would be acceptable for future initiations.

Evaluation/Reflection

We hope to continue to affect the academic community with innovative ideas. Attendance at most of our events was low, considering that they were typically optional and held outside of class hours. Offering free food and entering students into drawings for prizes, just for attending, improved our outreach. However, our goal is to reach all students who need help or want to get involved. Research was conducted this year to attempt to find a correlation between attending PP events and improved assessment scores. Students' perceptions of the events and demographic data were also collected via voluntary surveys at the end of each event. While the overall perceptions of the events are positive, thus far no relationship between event attendance and improvement in assessment scores has been found. Further research needs to be conducted to identify barriers of attendance and which students are most likely to attend these events. This research will be continued next year. Sending out surveys and asking for opinions from the class prior to events would have given us a better idea of what the students need, and perhaps future officers will take this into consideration. We hope that the future officers and members of the Delta Kappa chapter will continue to make positive changes that will impact more students.

Other Information

N/A – all information is included in previous fields