

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: Harding University College of Pharmacy

Chapter Name & region: Delta Omicron, Region VI

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(If not yet elected, please indicate date of anticipated election and report names within one week
of election)
2018-10-31

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Introduction

The Delta Omicron chapter of Rho Chi at Harding University College of Pharmacy prides itself on promoting improvements in academic performance. This year we decided to provide walk-in tutoring, one-on-one tutoring, and calculations sessions designed to reinforce curriculum

provided by the professors and faculty. We decided to focus specifically on calculations because it was determined to be a major weakness within our first and second year student body. Walk-in tutoring was provided three times weekly, and one-on-one tutoring was provided to students who requested. Our duty was to meet the missions of both Harding University and Rho Chi in every task we performed.

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

Date	Attendance	Agenda	Action Steps
2017-09-22	Jeff Mercer, PharmD, Dean, Harding University College of Pharmacy; Rodney Richmond, MS, CGP, FASCP, Rho Chi Advisor; and Debbie Waggoner, PharmD, BCNP, Assistant Rho Chi Advisor; Harding University College of Pharmacy Faculty Rho Chi members, Delta Omicron alumni, 11 inductees, and numerous family members and guests.	Induction of new members and keynote address by Mark Egbuka, PharmD, BCPS, alumnus of Harding University College of Pharmacy	New members were inducted into Rho Chi, given honor cords, pins, and certificates
2017-09-28	New members of Rho Chi and chapter advisors	Election of new officers, discussion of potential ideas	Officers were elected. Determined to offer tutoring three times weekly. Determined to continue the tutoring sessions three times weekly and add calculations sessions that were clinically focused.
2018-01-16	Rho Chi officers	Discussion of potential ideas for the spring semester	

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

The mission of Rho Chi states:

"As the academic honor society in pharmacy, the Rho Chi Society:

1. Encourages and recognizes intellectual achievement
2. Stimulates critical inquiry to advance pharmacy
3. Contributes to the development of intellectual leaders
4. Promotes highest ethical standards
5. Fosters collaboration"

This year the Delta Omicron chapter of Rho Chi at Harding University of College of Pharmacy worked very hard to be visible and welcoming to others here at the college. We strove to encourage the development and collaboration of students throughout the college by offering

services that promoted growth both mentally and spiritually. First, we made it a point to speak to class leaders and various professors to identify specific needs for everyone. Then, the officers got together to make a blueprint that met identified needs and made a document that identified the strengths of each Rho Chi member.

From these plans, we determined there was a need for walk-in tutoring, one-on-one tutoring, and calculation sessions. We began implementing the walk-in tutoring and one-on-one tutoring immediately but waited to implement calculations sessions until the completion of a simple curriculum created by Rho Chi President Barrett Carter and Class of 2020 President Jessica Carter. It was quickly determined that this year's Rho Chi chapter and its officers would forego any fundraising and focus on the core and mission of Rho Chi. In the future, there are talks of hosting a regional research symposium for universities and colleges with similar core beliefs as Harding University. This would allow students of all aspects to deliver podium presentations of their research projects to foster collaboration and advance the practice of pharmacy.

Activities

1. Walk-in Tutoring: From the first week of electing officers through the end of the didactic year, the members of Rho Chi has offered tutoring three times weekly to anyone seeking help from any pharmacy class. We strove to have at least two members available to provide the tutoring that have differing tutoring strengths. There was a Google document created for Rho Chi members to sign up to tutor. At the beginning, we had many students seeking assistance. However, toward the end of the fall semester and into the spring semester, the students became fewer and fewer. We continued offering the tutoring services though. It is our hope that these sessions will be continued next year and beyond.

2. One-on-one tutoring: An additional Google document was sent out to first and second year pharmacy students that allowed them to sign up for scheduled tutoring times with a Rho Chi member. A total of only six hours were completed through this form of tutoring. However, we determined that this form of tutoring was necessary, as it provided more timid students the opportunity for aid.

3. Calculations Review Sessions: The P2 Class officers came to the Rho Chi officers seeking help in providing the class with calculation review sessions focused on clinical pharmacy (i.e. drip rates and dosing conversions). It was determined that this was something we would want to collaborate in. We met together to begin making a curriculum and setting dates to offer the sessions. We scheduled six sessions, and only had one issue with the first session when we had a Snow Day. We simply combined the first and second sessions as one session. Overall, these sessions were much better attended than the offered tutoring. These sessions should be continued next year and beyond.

Financial Budgeting

Each academic year, funds are allocated for our Chapter by the HUCOP Dean. To honor our Rho Chi inductees, the chapter pays the membership fee and purchases honor cords for incoming members. The financial portion of our strategic planning includes the establishment of a \$25,000

endowment, the purpose of which would be to support on-campus academic services, underwrite visiting professors to offer guest lectureships, and to stimulate student-directed intellectual inquiry. This program will be undertaken by the incoming class of 2018 Rho Chi inductees and its elected officers.

Installation Function

The induction ceremony took place on September 22, 2017 in the Cone Chapel on the campus of Harding University. In attendance were: Jeff Mercer, PharmD, Dean, Harding University College of Pharmacy; Rodney Richmond, MS, CGP, FASCP, Rho Chi Advisor; and Debbie Waggoner, PharmD, BCNP, Assistant Rho Chi Advisor; Harding University College of Pharmacy Faculty Rho Chi members, Delta Omicron alumni, 11 inductees, and numerous family members and guests. The induction ceremony was opened by Dr. Mercer who gave the invocation and welcomed all in attendance. Mr. Richmond delivered additional welcomes and turned things over to 2016 Rho Chi officers Imi Mvere and Schrell Crockett who gave the audience a background history of Rho Chi and its mission. Then Dr. Waggoner inducted the new members into Rho Chi and presented each new member with cords, a pin, and a certificate for commemoration. The ceremony ended with the keynote speaker, Mark Egbuka, PharmD, BCPS. Dr. Egbuka is a Delta Omicron member and alumnus of Harding University College of Pharmacy. He currently practices as a Clinical Pharmacy Specialist in Ambulatory Care in Springfield, Missouri. Mr. Richmond closed the ceremony in prayer.

Evaluation/Reflection

Throughout our various implementations, such as tutoring and calculations sessions, the chapter at Harding University College of Pharmacy clung to the mission of Rho Chi. We strove to meet each and every goal created by Rho Chi. This didactic year, we offered walk-in tutoring three times weekly for approximately 16 weeks, which comes out to 48 sessions. Additionally, we offered six hours of one-on-one tutoring to five students. Lastly, we offered six calculations sessions that impacted over one hundred students in some way. Like with any implementation, there are ways Rho Chi can improve. We found that the reason most students would not attend walk-in tutoring was due to embarrassment. These sessions are offered in a public area of our college. In the future, we could move to a more private area to tutor. To combat the potential issue of not being individual enough, the one-on-one sessions were created. These sessions could be improved by partnering and collaborating with professors in the college. These professors could refer certain students to Rho Chi, and Rho Chi could seek out the students instead of letting the students seek us. The calculation sessions should be implemented year-round with a more specific curriculum in future years. Overall, the things we have implemented this didactic year have made Rho Chi feel more accessible to those actively seeking our assistance. Additionally, we have seen students achieve goals that may not have been achieved had they not received aid provided by the Delta Omicron chapter at Harding University College of Pharmacy.

Other Information

The current Rho Chi officers are excited about the future of the chapter and deeply desire to stay involved long after we leave Harding University College of Pharmacy.