



The Rho Chi Society

Annual Chapter Report - 2017

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

General formatting guidelines:

- Adhere to the page/word limitations specified in each section.
- Use 12 point, Times-New Roman, font.
- Do not include any attachments or appendices.
- Submit as a Word Document.

Date of report submission: May 15th, 2018

Name of School: University of Puerto Rico Medical Sciences Campus School of Pharmacy

Chapter name and region: Gamma Eta Chapter – Region III-S

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Number of Rho Chi student members at college or school, listed by class year and program:

PharmD 2018 – 9 students

PharmD 2019 – 9 students

Pharmacy Masters Degree – 10 students

Meetings: Provide information on meetings held in the following tabular format (Limit 1.5 page)

Date	Attendance	Agenda	Action Steps
08/12/18	PharmD class of 2021, Chapter president, Chapter Secretary	Presentation about the organization and membership requirements.	Preparation of Power Point Presentation outlining all the activities and benefits of the organization
12/11/18	Chapter president Chapter Secretary Dr. Frances Rodríguez	Discussion of action plan	Discuss ideas for activities to be organized after Dr. Rodríguez is appointed chapter advisor
02/05/18	Chapter president	Discuss new member	Brainstorming of place and

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	Chapter Secretary Chapter advisor	initiation.	date for the initiation ritual
03/01/18	Chapter officers and advisor	Plan the initiation	Delegation of tasks for the initiation organization
04/03/18	Chapter officers New members School faculty	Initiation	Initiation ritual
04/10/18	Chapter officers Chapter advisor New members	Nominations	
04/18/18	Chapter officers Chapter advisor New members	Elections	

Strategic Planning: What goals were set that relate to the Rho Chi mission? (Limit 0.5 page)

- a. To encourage intellectual competence, critical thinking, and leadership through recognition of academic achievements.
- b. To promote the pharmacy profession amongst other health professionals.
- c. To offer the best pharmaceutical care to the community and collaborate with other student organizations.
- d. To contribute to the development of new abilities (competencies) in our colleagues by offering integrative activities.

Activities:

Due to the situations faced this academic year following the natural disaster of hurricane Maria, activities were significantly limited. New members were selected on August 2017, but a new chapter advisor was not named until February 6th, 2018. Our initiation was

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held on April 3rd, 2018, and the new chapter officers were officially appointed on April 30th, after candidate nominations and elections were conducted through online surveys.

Financial/ Budgeting:

Activity	Amount Debited (\$ spent)	Amount Credited (\$ raised)	Balance
Balance from last year (5/1/18)			\$543.26
May 22, 2017 Water – Tutoring Final Exams	\$6.04		\$537.22
May 25, 2017 10 cords + money order	\$129.00		\$408.22
February 22, 2018 Initiate Fees		\$650.00	\$1058.22
March 8, 2018 Initiate Fees + money order + envelope	\$652.28		\$405.94
April 10, 2018 3 Cords and 2 certificates + money order	\$63.70		\$342.24
April 10, 2018 Initiation Catering	\$289.90		\$52.34

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April 19, 2018 14 cords		\$187.50	\$239.84
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In the period from May 2017 to May 2018, the Rho Chi Gamma Eta Chapter conducted the following activities: tutoring our peers for the Pharmacotherapy final exam and distribution of bottles of water for the students studying for exams. Rho Chi cords were ordered for the ten 2017 graduates. We did not have activities in the first semester of academic year 2017-2018, because of Hurricane Maria which struck the island in September. On February 2018, we received the initiation fees of the 10 new students who were elected to be in the Chapter this year. On March 2018, this money was sent to Rho Chi. On April 2018, we ordered three more cords for our graduates and paid for the catering service contracted for the Initiation.

Initiation Function:

The chapter initiation was celebrated on Tuesday, April 3rd, 2018 at the University of Puerto Rico School of Pharmacy in San Juan, Puerto Rico. Among the attendees to the initiation acts were the Dean of the School of Pharmacy, faculty members, the chapter advisor, the invited speaker, new members, family, and friends. The program of the activity was prepared as per the Initiation Ritual protocol. The invited speaker was Dr Suzette Vélez, who graduated from our school as a member of the Gamma Eta Chapter. She is a well-known and respected pharmacist in Puerto Rico and served as a professor in our campus. During the ceremony, she talked about the importance for pharmacist to be leaders in their field and gave advice on how to be better professionals. The activity concluded with refreshments and a time for attendees to get together and socialize.

Evaluation/Reflection:

During this year, our chapter faced many obstacles caused mainly by the effects of the passage of hurricane Maria. For this reason, our performance as an organization in terms of structured activities was below what we expected at the beginning of the year. However, our students were highly involved in relief efforts and community support activities that were not organized in the name of specific organizations but rather as efforts from the School of Pharmacy and the UPR Medical Sciences Campus. Even so, with the guidance of our new advisor, Dr. Frances Rodriguez, our chapter thrived through challenging times and we were able to recognize the academic achievements of our new members. Our chapter will continue to aspire to get more involved in the academic and intellectual growth of our school's student body, organizing and collaborating in activities that promote the professional prowess of our colleagues.

Other information: N/A

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