Annual Chapter Report

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Election of new officers will take place by December 18, 2015

Number of Rho Chi student members at college or school, listed by class year and program (and by campus if more than one campus):

Class of 2016 – 32 members

Class of 2015 – 32 members

**Meetings**:

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| Date | Attendance | Agenda | Action Steps |
| September 19, 2014 | Current members, new initiates, and various faculty  | Social event | New initiates congregated at Old Chicago restaurant to socialize with current members and faculty.  |
| October 10, 2014 | Outgoing officers, ~27/32 new initiates, 2 honorary faculty inductees, chapter advisors and various faculty  | Induction ceremony | New faculty and students for the class of 2016 were inducted at the initiation ceremony  |
| December 5, 2014 | ~10/32 current members, outgoing Vice President, chapter advisors | General Meeting/ New officer elections | Discussion of past year’s activities/officer roles; election of new officers  |
| January 8, 2015 | All current officers and advisors  | Officer meeting to discuss goals/agenda | Developed an outline of events for the current year; discussed different ways to improve tutoring program, organizing general meeting to encourage more attendance (e.g. Member of the Quarter awards), and the “Five Dysfunctions of a Team.”  |
| January 20, 2015 | All current officers  | Officer meeting to discuss goals and agenda for current year and upcoming general meeting  | Developed general discussion points for the general meeting; discussed tutoring services and appointing a tutoring coordinator, and ways to increase member activity and attendance |
| February 3, 2015 | ~23/32 current members (including current officers) and chapter advisors  | General meeting to discuss agenda for current year  | Discussed chapter goals and the chapter project proposal; announced the annual meeting delegates and tutoring coordinator; short presentation on the Cornell note-taking system and study tactics |
| March 10, 2015 | All current officers | Officer meeting to discuss current progress and upcoming events | Assigned duties for faculty feud and the OSCE prep session; reviewed the budget; developed agenda for next general meeting |
| March 19, 2015 | ~15/32 current members (including current officers) and chapter advisors  | General meeting to discuss upcoming events and assignment of chapter delegates and tutoring coordinator; Dr. Davis held a mini discussion  | Discussed and brainstormed for upcoming faculty feud and OSCE prep session; announced Member of the Quarter; held a group discussion about interprofessional communication and teamwork |
| April 28, 2015 | All current officers | Officer meeting to discuss OSCE review and annual report  | Finalized presentation for faculty feud; discussed updates for the OSCE prep session and completion of the Annual Report |

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

1. Define minimal goal attendance at general meetings to foster effective communication and fellowship between members.
2. Increases member participation in and improve the efficacy of the tutoring program to instill the desire for intellectual excellence and/or critical inquiry in others
3. Establishing chapter awards to encourage high standards of conduct and character
4. Continue to uphold the chapter’s traditional activities to promote fellowship and intellectual excellence

**Activities**

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| Gamma Nu, Midwestern University - College of Pharmacy, Glendale Activity Table |  |
| Intellectual Leadership Activities (i.e., tutoring, sponsored lectures, poster sessions, etc.) | Individual and Group Tutoring  | Promote the importance of educating others and encouraging to students to understand the value of the information. | It encourages intellectual excellence from both Rho Chi members and non-members | 15 | Tutees are asked for any constructive criticisms and possible improvements in the future.  | 4 | 170- Any student in need of tutoring were notified of tutoring availability  | No funds were used  |
| Mock Interview  | Incoming PS1s are provided with a mock interview to familiarize them with an upcoming patient interview encounter.  | It encourages intellectual excellence from both Rho Chi members and non-members | 3 | PS1s are surveyed to assess the helpfulness of these sessions, and to determine possible improvements in the future.  | 5 | Those who desire to participate  | No funds were used  |
| Objective Structured Clinical Examination (OSCE) Review for the First Year Class | We created and delivered a presentation compiling information about the examination as well as advice to share with the first year class. | Instilling the desire for intellectual excellence and critical inquiry in others | 3 | We continuously assess the OSCE review based off of feedback and experience. This past year we put more focus on preparation strategies and answering student’s questions. | 6 | 75 | No funds were used |
| College of Pharmacy Events [non-academic, non-patient outreach] | Pharmacy Day at the Capitol | Rho Chi and SSHP educated state legislators on “Pharmacists’ Approach to Glucose Monitoring.” | It stimulates critical inquiry to advance pharmacy and fosters collaboration. | 2 | Instead of hosting our own booth, decided to work as a united front to really instill the importance of pharmacists’ role in healthcare.  | 29 | 50 | No funds were used |
| Faculty Appreciation Week – Rho Chi’s Faculty Feud  | This game was designed in the style of Family Feud game show to involve faculty and students in answering questions about each other.  | Fosters collaboration | 10 | This event has been successful and well accepted in the past years. We did evaluate the questions that were submitted to ensure their appropriateness.  | 6 | 65 | $235.00 was used to order pizza for the event |
|  | First Year Extended Orientation | We formally introduce the mission, induction process, and chapter involvement of Rho Chi to the matriculating class. | Encourages intellectual achievement, Fosters Collaboration | 15 | This event is assessed and modified based off of suggestions offered by students of the matriculating class. This year our aim is to encourage more open discussion with the students. | TBD | TBD | TBD |
| Rho Chi T-Shirts | Recreated the t-shirts from last year’s design with names of all members and advisors.  | Fosters collaboration  | 8 | This event has been a success in the past years and helps to represent Rho Chi’s presence on campus. | 32 | 32 | $315.46 was used from budget to have 32 t-shirts made. |
| Patient Outreach Events/ Community Service | N/A  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Fundraising Events | N/A |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

**Financial/ Budgeting**: The organization budget is based on historical use of funds. Extra money collected from dues helps support the chapter’s activities. No additional fundraising was performed.

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| **ITEM** | **Amount Debited ($$ spent)** | **Amount Credited ($$ raised)** | **Balance** | **Comment** |
| **Balance forward** |  | **$2186.00** | **$2186.00** | **Balance Forward from last year** |
| **General meeting (pizza)** | **$58.00** |  | **$2128.00** | **23 members attended** |
| **General meeting (pizza)** | **$36.00** |  | **$2092.00** | **15 members attended** |
| **Faculty Feud (pizza)** | **$235.00** |  | **$1857.00** | **57 people attended** |
| **Graduation Cords** | **$400.00** |  | **$1457.00** | **32 graduation cords** |
| **Rho Chi T-Shirts** | **$315.46** |  | **$1141.54** | **32 T-Shirts ordered** |
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| **Total** |  |  | **$1141.54** |  |

**Initiation Function**:

The initiation function took place on October 10, 2014 in the Midwestern University Dining Hall. In attendance were nearly all of the Class of 2016 initiates as well as most of the outgoing executive board, honorary faculty inductees, and other faculty members. Attendees were permitted to bring guests so there were many significant others and parents present. The guest speaker was Associate Professor of Pharmacy Practice, Erin Raney, Pharm. D, BCPS, BC-ADM.

**Evaluation/Reflection**:

A goal set by Rho Chi Gamma Nu chapter was to promote the importance of educating others through tutoring. In addition to providing tutoring accessible for students, we shared tips and guides on how to study efficiently. It was important to emphasize the difference between studying for a test and building a knowledge base for the future, thus tutors were encouraged to delineate the value of the information and how it fit into the scope of pharmacy practice. Students were encouraged to take advantage of the individual and group tutoring services. Rho Chi aimed for 50% participation from its members to offer their tutoring services. Members were notified of opportunities to tutor in specific courses, and in order to encourage participation, prizes were given at general meetings to recognize active members. The goal for participation was not met mainly due to schedule constraints. This may be improved by providing online tutoring through messaging or video communication for subjects involving math. To relieve some of the burden upon tutors, students are required to form essential questions to prevent re-teaching of the material.

Another goal of our chapter was to improve participation and attendance of Rho Chi members in meetings and events. Members were notified of general meetings or events that encouraged participation by providing descriptions of the planned activities within each meeting. Board members encouraged others to share their excitement in future chapter events and working towards the chapter goals. Members were also encouraged to share their thoughts on what they wanted to gain from the organization and if they would like to see any changes made within the organization. Those interested in becoming more involved were given the opportunity to sign up and form committees. Member participation could potentially be improved by fostering healthy competition among members. One possible idea to accomplish this is to divide members into two teams, and to awards points based on attendance, games played at meetings, etc. The final prize will be given at the induction ceremony for the following class, which can also incentivize the members to attend the ceremony. Gamma Nu chapter award, “Member of the Quarter,” was given to recognize members who participated in events and tutoring. The goal was not only to acknowledge these members, but also to motivate other members to be more involved. Gamma Nu awards will also be presented at the next induction ceremony to encourage participation and attendance.

Most Improved Chapter Award

Some chapters have been relatively inactive in past years, but current students/advisors have made great strides to increase the activities/projects of their chapters. Rho Chi has instituted a designation for the “Most Improved Chapter Award” to recognize such strides. In order to be eligible for this award, a chapter must meet all the basic chapter requirements requested within the chapter annual report. Furthermore, the chapter annual report, names of elected officers, and the name of the chapter delegate to the Rho Chi Society National Office must be submitted to the Rho Chi National Office by the respective deadlines for each of these items. The chapter must send a representative to the Rho Chi Society Annual Meeting. In addition, chapters must have “active” chapter status for at least 2 consecutive years (e.g., new schools must be in at least the third year of chapter activity).

If your chapter would like to be considered for the “Most Improved Chapter Award,” indicate the significant improvement(s) of your chapter below. Limit to one page.

Name of School/College:

Chapter name and region:

Name of member submitting statement:

Name of Chapter Advisor: