

Annual Chapter Report Outline

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

Date of report submission: 2018-05-15

Name of School/College: Midwestern University – Glendale

Chapter Name & region: Gamma Nu, Region VIII - West Coast

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

2018-11-01

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Introduction

The Gamma Nu Chapter of the Rho Chi Society inducted the current class of 33 initiates on August 30, 2017. Our current officers were elected on September 26, 2017. The chapter has held a total of 6 meetings, 3 general and 3 officer. These meetings were used to plan future events, discuss past events, and reward the "Member of the Quarter" for their outstanding service over the last school quarter.

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

Date	Attendance	Agenda	Action Steps
2017-09-27	All board members and chapter advisors	Discuss plan for the year, future events, and delegate responsibilities	First meeting planned and general timeline set up
2017-10-11	All board members and chapter advisors	New position put forth of tutoring coordinator, t-shirt designs put forth for votes, next meeting planned, group tutoring session planned	Next meeting set for later that month, letters of intent for tutoring coordinator accepted through the quarter, and tutoring event planned for before midterm
2017-10-17	27/33 general members, new board members, and chapter advisors	New board elect, tutoring sessions and tutoring coordinator position, events for the year, and t-shirt designs	Introduce new board, raise awareness about tutoring sessions and the tutoring coordinator position, open voting for the t-shirt designs for the next two weeks
2017-11-02	All board members and chapter advisors	Discuss new tutoring coordinator, set up the next tutoring event, and philanthropy event	Tutoring coordinator Magy E., philanthropy event: a children's book drive, and next meeting planned

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

- 1) Increase member participation in events such as tutoring
- 2) Increase campus awareness of The Rho Chi Society through charitable events and tutoring

- 3) Increase member attendance and participation in general meetings and events as a whole
- 4) Continue to uphold the chapter's traditional activities to promote fellowship and intellectual excellence

Activities

1) Study Buddies on Demand – this is a new, ongoing event that we currently provide twice a quarter. For a few hours during the afternoon, Rho Chi Society members stay in a pre-designated room. Any students who have questions about their upcoming events, either first or second years, are encouraged to come and talk about them. The first event had low attendance, with 3 students aside from the Rho Chi Society members attending. However, the second time this was offered more students showed up. We expect this to be a long-running event once students are aware, particularly because it can be for any class, not a specific one.

2) Genetics Tutoring – Another broad session, this was held before the first Genetics exam. Rho Chi Society members wrote sample exam questions based on lecture notes. Students then were given the opportunity to discuss the questions after they were answered or relating questions they may have. This is an ongoing event before the first exam, and one that is expected to continue.

3) Faculty Feud – This is a yearly event that the Gamma Nu chapter puts on every year during teacher's appreciation week. A few weeks before the event, we put up questions such as those found on Family Feud, and students answer them for the faculty members. Then, a small powerpoint is put together as a game board. Ten faculty members work in teams of 5 to earn the most points, and bragging rights, for the next year. The event is open to all students, not just Rho Chi Society members, and this year we had 59 people attend the event.

4) Children's Book Drive – Our philanthropy event for this year was a children's book drive. For two weeks, boxes were placed in a variety of areas around campus to allow students from any program to donate children's books to the Vista Colina Emergency Family Shelter. At the end of the two weeks, about 3 boxes were donated to the family shelter. This event was a new event for the club, although we have done book drives in the past as philanthropy events. This is the first year we have donated to the family shelter.

5) Hot Cocoa Fundraiser – during the winter quarter, our funds were beginning to run low so we hosted a morning fundraiser to sell hot cocoa to students on December 5, 2017. We had a table set up in a general lobby area where the students would walk through before class. In total, we earned \$254 for the event, which was able to tide us over until the spring quarter.

6) Social Event – For the social event, we rented a private karaoke room in a local sushi bar. We stayed for approximately 3 hours and sang karaoke and ate sushi and just enjoyed our time together. Each person covered their own cost and paid for a portion of the room. We had approximately 15 people in attendance and basically spent time together enjoying a night away from studying and school.

Financial Budgeting

Following a credit from the previous year, yearly dues, and a \$1,000 credit from Midwestern University – CPG SGA committee, the club had a total of \$4445 in the account at the start of the year. Reimbursements from the previous year and expenses brought the total down to \$1024 for the year. We did have to do a fundraiser, a hot chocolate sale during the winter quarter, which raised \$254 in total. Currently, following food for our yearly teacher's appreciation event "Faculty Feud", our account sits approximately \$90 in debt.

Installation Function

The initiation function took place on August 30, 2017 at Midwestern University in our campus breakout rooms in Agave Hall. It was well attended by almost all Class of 2019 initiates. The outgoing executive board and advisors, as well as a variety of additional faculty members, also attended the meeting. Many of the initiates brought their family and close friends, including fellow classmates. This event was hosted by the outgoing president, Angela Ngo. The primary speaker for the event was Dr. Alyssa Peckham, a new faculty member this last year.

Our upcoming initiation function will take place at a similar time of year, and will also be held on campus.

Evaluation/Reflection

A major goal set by the board members at the beginning of their term was to increase the Rho Chi Society's presence on campus through a variety of events. We have seen more interest in the incoming pharmacy students regarding membership in Rho Chi. Also, current members are being more involved in tutoring for events such as the Genetics Review or Study Buddies on Demand. We still have a way to go before we reach the goal the previous year set of 50% of members involved in tutoring, either on their own or through Rho Chi sponsored events. Having a member of the quarter, a position that is based partially on the past quarter's tutoring, has also shown a small increase in involvement.

We were also looking to improve member attendance. Compared to the previous year, we have had an increase in attendance from approximately half the members to a little over two thirds of the current members attending. One of the ways we've encouraged attendance is the competition of member of the quarter. We offer a small prize to whomever was most involved in the Rho Chi events and tutoring to help foster the previously mentioned desire to increase campus awareness.

Other Information

N/A