

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: South University School of Pharmacy

Chapter Name & region: Gamma Upsilon & Region III-South

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Introduction

The Gamma Upsilon Chapter of South University School of Pharmacy is built upon a foundation of pharmaceutical excellence with an emphasis on lifetime growth and development not only in the practice of pharmacy, but also in everyday life. Our members past and present have shown a dedication to both academics and leadership within the School of Pharmacy. As the newest inductees of Gamma Upsilon, our mission is to further the chapter and at the same time offer, what we hope will be a vital service/resource to our student body.

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

Date	Attendance	Agenda	Action Steps
2018-01-24	Chapter Officers	The meeting was called to order by President Shaina Varughese. Discussions on tutoring, treasury, scrub days, fundraising charities, guest speakers, APhA delegate.	Agreement on Super Bowl Squares and individual tutoring until group tutoring discussion at general meeting. Treasury information exchanged when previous treasurer is available during APPE.
2018-01-31	Chapter members, faculty advisor Dr. Braga	The meeting was called to order by President Shaina Varughese. New officers sworn in. Discussions on PB&J fundraiser, scrub days, super bowl squares, delegate for annual meeting, charity selection, group tutor sessions.	Members to express interest in person or by email in being delegate at annual. Election by survey on 2/2/18. Tutor applications provided. Link sent for charity selection.
2018-04-18	Chapter members, faculty advisor Dr. Adeniji, Dean Rhyne	The meeting was called to order by President Shaina Varughese. Discussions on group tutoring, scrub days, overview of annual meeting, white coat sale, spring banquet recognition, ExamSoft prep, advisor notes.	Tutor applications provided with sign-in sheet. Volunteer interest sheet for ExamSoft prep passed out and collected. Sample coats pick up tomorrow for fittings / google doc to be out by end of week.

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

The mission of Rho Chi Society is to encourage, recognize excellence in intellectual achievement, and advocate critical inquiry in all aspects of pharmacy. The Society further encourages high standards of conduct and character and fosters fellowship among its members. Our chapter's goals relate directly to the Rho Chi mission.

Our goals include continuing to carry our group and individual tutoring sessions, reaching out to middle school through undergraduate students, and to encourage more students and members to be part of the Rho Chi activities that include reaching out to the community outside of school. Our community service goal is to continue devoting our time for a cause in the community by interacting and working with the other chapters on the campus and plan to attend events on and off the campus. Our Gamma Upsilon chapter hosted Islands High School students in a lip balm lab activity.

We also plan to reach out to the undergraduate schools pre-pharmacy clubs to answer any questions about pharmacy school. This would help the students that are interested in pursuing a pharmacy career in the future and pharmacy would be better recognized within our community. Our main goal is to continue to better serve our fellow pharmacy students and community

Activities

Individual and group tutoring sessions were conducted for students seeking tutoring. This year, we initiated consistent weekly drop in tutoring sessions for students to attend in addition to sessions scheduled on an individual basis. The courses students sought the most advice on were Molecular Biology, Integrated Sequence, Pharmacokinetics and Infectious Disease. Due to the rigors of an accelerated 3-year pharmacy program, tutoring sessions consisted of study techniques, time management, and review of the material in each course.

In preparation for the Intermediate Pharmacy Practice Experience rotations and Advance Pharmacy Practice Experience rotations, a lab coat fundraiser was offered to students at both the Savannah and Columbia campus. Students had the opportunity to purchase new lab coats with the South University School of Pharmacy logo and their name embroidered on them.

Furthermore, we were able to work with faculty members to provide local high schools an opportunity to learn about the pharmacy program through a hands-on compounding experiment. This community outreach event provided high school students with an insight of how the pharmacy program works and a scope into the pharmacist career.

Both Savannah and the Columbia campus held a prep course for the incoming class of pharmacy students to help familiarize them with the Examsoft/Examplify software utilized by South University to administer examinations. This provided the new pharmacy students a chance to become familiar with the software before having an actual examination administered to them.

Financial Budgeting

Budget of Gamma Upsilon Chapter was managed by Rupa Bhattarai (Treasurer) and Shaina Varughese (President). The chapter's liabilities accounted for the induction dinner and ceremony supplies for its new members, which included chapter pins and graduation cords. The chapter also provided funds for our Rho Chi representative at the annual meeting. The chapter's budget was discussed periodically. Funds were raised through scrub days and the white coat fundraiser. Benefits went to chapter's bank account and local charities.

Installation Function

The initiation ceremony for the Columbia, SC and Savannah, GA campuses were held separately. The Columbia campus initiation, led by Xuan Trang Luu, Dr. Natasha Colvin, and Dr. Sarah F. Braga was held on Tuesday October 24th, 2017 at South University School of Pharmacy. Immediately after the induction ceremony, the induction dinner was held at Rioz Brazilian Steakhouse located in Irmo, SC. The Savannah campus induction and dinner, led by Jessica Cruz and Dr. Adegoke Adeniji, was held on Sunday, October 27th, 2017 at Bellas Italian Café in Savannah, GA. Our members were traditionally inducted as new members of Rho Chi and took their oath. In attendance of the ceremonies were family, friends and faculty members.

Evaluation/Reflection

The main focus of our chapter throughout the year has been to increase involvement on both our Savannah and Columbia campus. Initiating consistent weekly drop in tutoring sessions, as well as maintaining communication with students provided a means to increase our presence on campus. Our goal is to maintain these weekly sessions in addition to individually scheduled tutoring sessions. We were also able to continue the collaboration with faculty members for the hands-on compounding experiment with local high school students initiated in the previous year. Future events to be planned involve speaker events and a community service bone marrow drive on campus to join the National Bone Marrow Registry.

There are few areas in which difficulties presented that we could address to mitigate the minor challenges experienced this year. Due to the nature of our accelerated program, previous officers are away on Advanced Pharmacy Practice Experience rotations during transitioning into new officers. We were able to conduct one joint transition meeting with past officers, an online drive was created with past documents and a timeline of events was passed on to transitioning officers to ease the transition process. In the future, an earlier induction, reorganization of those documents, and a clear budget of projected expenses would provide new officers the information vital to coordinating events for the year. Furthermore, coordination between both Columbia and Savannah campuses were at times challenging to conduct tutoring and events serving both campuses.

Overall, this class of newly inducted members are capable to of exceeding expectations by serving our campus and local community.

Other Information

Current and past meetings consistently discuss increasing Rho Chi's presence on campus. This year, we realized this goal by increasing activity via more fundraisers, consistent and regular communication with underclassmen regarding course assistance, expansion of tutoring options to include weekly drop-in group sessions, and increased modes of communication to encourage and publicize tutoring options (email, verbal announcements, and flyers). Additionally, we have actively utilized polls for member-inclusive, democratic decision-making regarding our chapter's choice of donation recipients and election of an APhA annual delegate. Lastly, we continue our local community involvement through fundraising to supply elementary schools with food items

for the summer as well as through our lip balm laboratory session here on campus with high school students.