**Date of report submission:** 05/15/2016

**Name of School/College:** University of Florida

**Chapter Name & region:** Iota Chapter, Region III-S

**Delegate who attended the Rho Chi Annual Meeting:** NA

**Date Delegate’s name submitted:** 05/15/2016

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New officers and e-mail addresses for next academic year

The anticipated date for the induction ceremony is 08/27/2016. New officers will be reported within a week of election.

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**Introduction**

The purpose of Rho Chi is to recognize the excellence in intellectual achievement in the college of pharmacy. The University of Florida belongs to Region 3 and has been recognized as the Iota Chapter of the Rho Chi Society since its induction in 1928. These intellectual leaders are known for their free tutoring services among each respective campus. The UF Iota chapter of Rho Chi has not had and induction ceremony to date due to scheduling conflicts with the university. It is scheduled to take place on 08/27/2016 in the HPNP Auditorium at University of Florida in Gainesville, Florida.

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

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| **Date** | **Attendance** | **Agenda** | **Action Steps** |
| NA | NA | NA | NA |
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**Strategic Planning:** What goals were set that relate to the Rho Chi mission?

Goal for encouragement and recognition of intellectual achievement were made by creating a set criteria where those who completed at least half of their academic course work and are amongst the top 20% of their graduating pharmacy class will be inducted into the Rho Chi Iota chapter. Also, publishing the names of the inductees in the Gainesville College of Pharmacy newsletter for recognition, and providing pins and honor cords as representation of the Rho Chi Iota chapter. The inductees will become life-time members as well. The goal to develop intellectual leaders and foster collaboration is accomplished by providing free tutoring services to their pharmacy colleagues among their respective four campuses.

**Activities**

As an ongoing activity since establishment, the Rho Chi Society Iota chapter provides tutoring services to the pharmacy students of all four campuses of the University of Florida College of Pharmacy. Its purpose is to encourage intellectual achievement, contribute to the development of intellectual leaders, and foster collaboration. Subjects of tutoring consist of any course within the curriculum. For instance, pharmacology, pathophysiology basis of disease, dose optimization, and so forth. Each pharmacy student requesting tutoring will be matched up with a Rho Chi Society member for a one on one tutoring session. This year at the Gainesville and Jacksonville campus, there were twenty tutoring sessions each. Also, there were fifteen tutoring sessions each at the Orlando and St. Petersburg campus.

**Financial Budgeting**

The budget for the 2016 Rho Chi Ceremony was determined after we reviewed the 2015 budget. After we reviewed the expenses from the previous year we were able to strategize ways to minimize our costs and maximize our return. For instance, we are not going to purchase unpopular food items for the 2016 induction. Although the ceremony has not taken place yet, the plan is to purchase all items from Sam’s Club instead of Publix Supermarkets to cut down on costs. We also plan to purchase recyclable soda cans and water bottle placed in coolers instead of cups, which should also cut down on costs for the ceremony refreshments.

**Installation Function**

When: Saturday, August 27, 2016

Where: University of Florida College of Pharmacy Health Profession, Nursing and Pharmacy (HPNP) Auditorium

Time: TBA

All officers attended/organized the induction ceremony: N/A

Other attendees: TBA

New Inductees that attended the initiation ceremony:

TBA

Timeline Overview: \*\*tentative\*\* The new inductees will be lined up in alphabetized order. Inductees will be brought into the auditorium and seated in an organized fashion. The president, will give her opening remarks and the guest speaker will provided a personalized speech. Each inductee will then be called up to the stage where they will sign the official Rho Chi Iota chapter initiation book. Each officer will recite their initiation ritual and the chapter advisor will present the Gramling Award, which recognizes the highest GPA of the class. The president will conclude the ceremony by giving her closing remarks. Refreshments and cake are to be served downstairs in the HPNP atrium. The Historian and Secretary will then coordinate each respective campus to take an organized photograph together.

**Evaluation/Reflection**

Based on the feedback of pharmacy students of the University of the Florida College of Pharmacy, the activities of the Rho Chi Society Iota Chapter are effective and valued. The pharmacy students recognize the tutoring service as a resource to improve upon their academics. Seventy Rho Chi Society members were able to provide tutoring to seventy pharmacy students in a variety of pharmacy subjects. Potential ways to improve the tutoring service consist of raising awareness of this resource, organizing discussions for popular topics, initiating a mentor and mentee program.

**Other Information**

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