Annual Chapter Report Outline

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

Date of report submission: May 15 2015

Name of School/College: **University of Texas at Austin College of Pharmacy**

Chapter name and region: **Nu Chapter, Region VI**

Delegate who attended the Rho Chi Annual Meeting: **Jayme Johnston**

Date Delegate’s name was submitted to Rho Chi: **January 28, 2015**

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**Introduction**:

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

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| Date | Attendance | Agenda | Action Steps |
| September 4, 2014 | 33 | **Speakers:** Tara Lawless, PharmD and Nikki Benson, PharmD   * Rho Chi Alumni * Consultant Pharmacists * Spoke about the opportunities for Consultant Pharmacists and both the positives and negatives   **Meeting agenda:**   * Welcome * Reminders   + Dues   + Induction Banquet * New Point System * Shift to HornsLink as a new platform * Service Projects in the works * Chair Elections | * Start planning and organizing the induction banquet * Start planning activities and event for new and current members * Contacted new officers and chairs with their duties for the semester * Began coordinating with fundraising chair for fundraising events |
| September 24, 2014 | 21 | **Speaker:** Nick Packer, PharmD   * Night Pharmacists for North Austin Medical Center * Formerly with Helix Fusion * Spoke about his experiences since graduation from UT College of Pharmacy   **Meeting agenda:**   * Finalize the date and time of the induction ceremony * Fundraising events * Winter Social – Service Presentation * Project Collaborate Screening Events * Educational Poster Presentation – Volunteers needed * Service Projects | * Continue planning for induction ceremony * Finalize service events * Manage fundraising events |
| October 15, 2014 | 32 | **Speaker:** Maria Croyle, PhD   * Spoke about Ebola and the facts and myths associated with the disease * Talked about her own work developing a vaccine for Ebola   **Meeting agenda:**   * Reminder about Induction Ceremony * Upcoming Career Day with mock interviews * Fundraising Volunteers needed * Austin Children’s Shelter Halloween Drive | * Induction Ceremony Set-up and details * Set up donation collection spot and drop-off time * Continue work on service events |
| November 5, 2014 | 16 | **Speakers:** Matt Vest and Brittany Koenig from Northstar Consultants of Texas   * Spoke about budgeting * Payment plans after graduation * Retirement and 401Ks   **Meeting agenda:**   * Cards for the Elderly * Fundraising Event at UT College of Pharmacy – Alumni * Risk Management Training * Induction Banquet Recap * Pharmacy Council Updates | * Set up drop off for cards * Finish requirements for risk management training * Begin wrap-up for the semester * Finish officer transition |
| February 4, 2015 | 31 | **Speaker:** Eimeira Padilla, PharmD, PhD   * Clinical Research Pharmacy Specialist at Seton Healthcare * Spoke about her career path   **Meeting agenda:**   * Rho Chi National Meeting * Social Event at Top Golf * Fundraising – new merchandise ideas * Pharmacy Council Updates * Vestido Rojo * Service Events * Fireside Chat | * Plan for Fireside Chat * Plan for social event * Plan for health screening * Better organize Service Events |
| February 25, 2015 | 26 | **Speaker:** Justin Hudman   * Director of Public Affairs for Texas Pharmacy Association * Spoke about provider status, legislative actions, advocacy, and the future of pharmacy   **Meeting agenda:**   * Announce the Rho Chi Annual Meeting in Los Angeles, CA * Announce the finalized details of the Fireside Chat * Sell members-only t-shirts * Announce fundraising event at Explore UT * Give summary of the service event at the Special Olympics Winter Games * Pharmacy Council updates * Updates from Project Collaborate | * Make plans to send a delegate to the Rho Chi Annual Meeting * Send out an sign-up sheet for the Fireside Chat * Send out sign-up to volunteer to fundraise at Explore UT * Plan a social event |
| March 25, 2015 | 26 | **Speakers:** Local Pharmacy Residents  **Meeting Agenda:**   * Joint meeting with PLS * Residency Panel |  |
| April 8, 2015 | 19 | **Speakers:** Gerard Gawrys, PharmD   * Infectious Disease Pharmacist * Very informal question and answer session   **Meeting agenda:**   * Fundraising Volunteers Needed * Pharmacy Council Updates * Health Screening Updates * Fireside Chat Updates * Officer Elections | * Continue fundraising * Finalize Health Screening Plans * Finish planning Fireside chat |
| April 29, 2015 | 24 | **Speaker:** Kimberly LeBrun, PharmD, BCOP   * Oncology/Bone Marrow Transplant Clinical Pharmacist * Spoke about her experiences in her field * Addressed qualifications for oncology pharmacist   **Meeting agenda:**   * Fundraising Volunteers needed * Pharmacy Council Updates * Pharmacy Legislation Review * Feedback Requests | * Continue fundraising events * Transition to new officers |

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

The Nu chapter set many goals related to the mission of Rho Chi. “The fundamental objective of Rho Chi has always been to promote the advancement of the pharmaceutical sciences through the encouragement and recognition of sound scholarships.” Our Rho Chi chapter not only values academic excellence among its members but also in its college. We also began extending our community involvement through service projects to the underserved populations of Austin.

**Activities**:

**Project Collaborate (ongoing for 6 years)**

This year Rho Chi continued our involvement with Project Collaborate. Project Collaborate is a college-wide initiative under Pharmacy Council that brings together not only every student organization in the College of Pharmacy, but also dozens of other philanthropic groups in the community to provide free health screenings and patient education to the underserved populations in Austin, El Paso, San Antonio, and the Rio Grande Valley. Rho Chi was in charge of coordinating the Vestido Rojo Health Screening held on April 11, 2015. We provided the glucose, cholesterol, blood pressure, and body fat/BMI to those attending the Vestido Rojo conference. The event was held in conjunction with the American Heart Association’s movement Go Red Por Tu Corazon which promotes the prevention of heart disease. We were very excited to serve the Hispanic population of Austin and screened approximately 150 patients at the event. It is through service projects like Vestido Rojo that we are able to make an impact as educators and healthcare professionals.

**Fireside Chat (Ongoing for over 12 years)**

Each year Rho Chi hosts a speaker at an informal location where a faculty member speaks about a certain topic and the students are free to interact and ask questions. Our advisor, Dr. Karen Rascati, held the fireside chat at her house. We invited Dr. Scott Soefje, pharmacy director at University Medical Center Brackenridge to be our guest. Dr. Soefje was very open and welcoming of all the questions he received throughout the evening. We spoke about topics such as hospital pharmacy and where it is heading, duties of a hospital director, and touched on residencies and clinical specialties. He spoke candidly about the ups and downs of his own career in pharmacy, how he managed to balance work and a personal life, and the key components of a successful career he found worked best. He also enjoyed hearing about our interests and future career options.

Overall, the Fireside Chat was an informal discussion with Dr. Soefje and Dr. Rascati. It was nice to be able to talk to professors out of the academic environment and enjoy each other's company.

**Service Projects**

Our chapter focused on making an impact in the community through various service projects held each semester.

In the fall, our chapter members took part in various Project Collaborate health screenings in Austin, San Antonio, and El Paso, all of which catered to underserved populations. A major project we continued was making cards for the elderly in assisted living facilities. Each member took a specified amount of cards and wrote friendly messages which were then delivered to one of our local assisted living facilities. A donation drive was also held for the Austin Children’s Shelter. Members were asked to donate Halloween costume items for the children and teens of the shelter who could not afford to celebrate the holiday. One of our members also spoke at the annual Adult Protective Services Convention held in San Antonio about medication use in the elderly.

In the spring, our Rho Chi chapter was quite busy with a few large projects. One of our main priorities was the Vestido Rojo Health Screening held in conjunction with the Student Pharmacist Recovery Network (SPRN). The screening targeted the Hispanic population of Austin, specifically women, in order to better educate the population on prevention and management of heart disease. We were able to screen approximately 150 participants, however, our service projects did not end there. We also worked with the APhA-ASP Project Diabetes Committee and the American Heart Association to come up with new patient educational materials provided at its Zumbathon event at the state capitol. We are currently still working on updating disease state guidelines to be shared with students at the College of Pharmacy.

**Financial/ Budgeting**:

The detailed expenses and budget is as follows:

**2014-2015**

Income

Rho Chi membership dues 1 time dues 28 students x $95 = $2,660.00

Income from Dean’s Office for banquet expenses = $1,500.00

Earnings from fundraising Fall: $720.00

Earnings from fundraising Spring: $470.00

**Total income =**  **$5,350.00**

Expenses

National dues paid to National office: $65 x 28 students = $1820.00

T-shirts: spent $545.17 to replenish inventory for fundraising events

Induction ceremony banquet: $1432.80 + $43.30 = $1476.10

Food at meetings/functions: $768.71

Purchase of Honor Cords = $375.00

**Total expenses = $4984.98**

Income – expenses = $365.02

**Initiation Function**:

We initiated the new members of Rho Chi in the Texas Union Santa Rita room on Wednesday, October 25, 2015. Fifty guests, including new members, active members, officers, family, friends, and faculty attended this initiation banquet. After dinner and conversation, we had the privilege of having Dr. Evan Peterson, a cardiology pharmacy specialist at Seton as our key note speaker. Dr. Peterson spoke on the application of rigorous standards of learning and academic excellence throughout our pharmacy careers and how the skills we hone as members as Rho Chi will continue to benefit us in our professional development. Afterwards, the new members were presented with their certificates and pins and officially inducted into the Nu Chapter of Rho Chi.

**Evaluation/Reflection**:

This year the Rho Chi Nu Chapter officers decided that our small organization was going to try and make a larger impact on the UT College of Pharmacy and the community. Though coordination across distant sites and varying schedules was difficult, the past year went extremely well and saw a rise in the events our chapter was able to participate in. Our members eagerly rose to the challenge and we had various proposals for service and educational events both in Austin and San Antonio. Overall, this year can be deemed a success because of our increased outreach. However, there is still much more work to be done and we hope to expand our involvement both within the College of Pharmacy and throughout Texas through scholarship and service.

**Other information**:

**Website is located at:**

<http://www.utexas.edu/pharmacy/students/organizations/rhochi/index.html>

Info for Appendix A and B covered in report