

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: University of Buffalo

Chapter Name & region: Omega

Delegate who attended the Rho Chi Annual Meeting: Patrick McGrath

Date Delegate's name submitted: 2018-02-01

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Introduction

Here is a summary of the year in our chapter.

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

Date	Attendance	Agenda	Action Steps
2017-05-03	Officers (transition meeting) 10	Transition meeting	New officers learned about the year ahead
2017-05-25	Officers (5)	planning events prior to school starting	Discussed plan for asthma devices and P1 Orientation
2017-08-30	Officers (5)	planning events for fall semester	Discussed follow up with asthma devices and started planning tutoring/review session scheduling
2017-09-11	Officers, advisor (6)	planning for upcoming year	discussed goal for upcoming year

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

To help promote academic success, the current President spoke to the P1 class and gave advice on main study skills. This was a new event this year. We continued many of the goals set before us which included having extended tutoring office hours and P2 pharmacotherapeutic class reviews. These programs helped meet other goals, such as encouraging the intellectual development of leaders as well as promoting ethical standards within our organization. Another goal of our chapter this year that relates to the Rho Chi mission was assisting in the development of future leaders. This goal was met by having some of our members speak to the P1 class about time management and study skills. The last goal that we made sure to continue was informing other students about what Rho Chi offers with intellectual and professional development.

Activities

There were many programs and events that the Omega Chapter held throughout the year to foster intellectual and professional development. A new program that was implemented this year was that the current Rho Chi President attended the P1 orientation and gave a presentation on study tips for success. Also, during the second week of school, 6 Omega Chapter members spoke about effective study tips and time management in order to ease the transition of new first year students

into the professional school as well as promote what our organization offers. Throughout the fall semester, we organized the Asthma Device Sale, which encouraged the P1 students to have physical devices for their learning and for counseling patients once they become interns. This sale occurred in early October and about 130 P1 students participated. In order to encourage academic success to the second year students, Rho Chi organized an IV compounding practice in December. This program allowed third year Rho Chi members and a few third year non-members to teach P2s how to compound IVs effectively so their confidence can build in this area of pharmacy practice. We also organized a CPR class through the American Heart Association so pharmacy students can learn BLS in preparation to help the community in the future if any emergency situation arises.

During the spring semester, we voted on the new Executive Board on 3/27/18. We then held the induction ceremony dinner for the new Rho Chi inductees in early April (4/5/18). More details about the induction ceremony are mentioned later in the report. We also continued to hold our tutoring hours and review sessions which also occurred throughout the fall semester. In addition, Rho Chi sent a member to the national conference in Nashville. Finally, Rho Chi participated in the Spring Into Health Wellness Clinic on 4/21/18. At the clinic, members of Rho Chi helped community members better understand their medications by offering free counseling.

Throughout the 2017-2018 year, our most important goal was to promote academic excellence of UB pharmacy students. We continued the extended tutoring hours that were started last year (twice weekly sessions instead of once weekly), to provide more availability and opportunity for students to reach out for help with subjects they are struggling in. The Omega Chapter also continued the P2 Rho Chi Therapeutics Reviews about every week during both semesters in order to quiz the second year pharmacy students on the material that was being taught so they can be well-prepared for their exams.

Financial Budgeting

Due to the regulations of our School of Pharmacy Student Association (SPSA), we forfeit our previous balance from last year with the assumption that we may spend according to the potential revenue we plan to generate for the upcoming year, which was submitted as ~\$4,000. Our main revenue, as in previous years, is our Rho Chi Asthma Device Sale, which brought in over \$1,000 for our future events. Other events or items needed to be paid for, such as new initiate dues in the spring semester, were paid for by the students themselves, so it brought in \$0 to our organization. Our main revenue (the asthma device sale) helped pay for the deposit of our induction ceremony, which was our main expenditure. Total cost for the ceremony came out to be \$1,360 for 56 people in attendance, but majority of that cost (~\$1,100), was paid for by the attendees for their own meals. Our Omega Chapter paid for the meals of the guest speakers as well as the executive board. Since we made more than what we spent throughout the year, we chose to give thank you cards along with gift cards to thank faculty and guest speakers for their support and attendance. The cost for this was \$50. After the year ended, we ended up having a profit of ~\$300, but this amount will be forfeited by the end of May 2018.

ITEM	Amount Debited (\$\$ spent)	Amount Credited (\$\$ raised)	Balance	Comment
			\$4,000.00	Start estimate from last year
Peak Flow Meter Cost	\$1,162.69		\$2,837.31	
Asthma Device Sale		\$2,210.00	\$5,047.31	
CPR Student fees		\$700.00	\$5,747.31	30 students, ~\$45 each
CPR Cost	\$700.00		\$5,047.31	
Induction Ceremony Deposit	\$300.00		\$4,747.31	Reserved The Foundry
Honor Cords/Stationary	\$337.50		\$4,409.81	
Inductee Rho Chi Dues Paid by Members		\$1,820.00	\$6,229.81	28 members x \$65
Inductee Rho Chi Dues to National Org.	\$1,820.00		\$4,409.81	
Induction Ceremony Meals Paid by Attendees		\$1,175.00	\$5,584.81	47 tickets x \$25
Induction Ceremony Cost	\$1,060.80		\$4,524.01	Total Cost- Initial deposit
Flowers for Induction Ceremony	\$36.00		\$4,488.01	27 Inductees, 2 Speakers
Awards for Induction Ceremony	\$129.00		\$4,359.01	

Thank You Gifts	\$50		\$4,309.01	Gift cards and thank you cards
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Installation Function

The Rho Chi Induction Ceremony took place on Thursday, April 5th, 2018 at the Foundry Hotel & Banquet. Twenty-eight P2s were inducted at this time. On March 27th, we also held our election process so the new Executive Board could be inducted into their positions during the ceremony. Seven faculty members, our faculty advisor, as well as the Dean, attended this memorable ceremony. The rest of the 56 attendees were the families and friends of the new initiates. One Rho Chi alumni and one Rho Chi faculty member spoke to the new initiates and gave advice. Our Rho Chi alumni, Mrs. Tina Fiebelkorn, spoke about how her open attitude towards new opportunities helped her forge a pioneering career as a pharmacy consultant and as a small business owner. Our other speaker who is a current UB faculty member, Dr. Nicholas Fusco, spoke to the initiates about the importance of being inducted into Rho Chi. He discussed how the induction is not just a reflection of past successes but also a challenge to carry that attitude of academic excellence forward into a career of lifelong learning.

Evaluation/Reflection

For the 2017-18 school year, our goal was to encourage academic excellence as well as professionalism in our school. A new program that was initiated was having the current President speak at the P1 orientation to give advice on study skills. During the second week of school, 6 Rho Chi members then spoke to the class again about time management and how they each of them individually study. This was beneficial since the students already had some experience in a few classes in pharmacy school. Throughout the year, we also continued having open tutoring sessions twice a week for any students with questions as well as the P2 therapeutics review sessions. The P2 students greatly appreciated our help at the review sessions which helped prepare them before their exams.

Overall, this year was a success in promoting academic excellence as well as fostering collaboration with the P1 and P2 students when hosting reviews and having two tutoring sessions a week. This allowed the school to become a more tight-knit community where the students could be mentored by P3s not just related to academics, but on professional and personal development.

Other Information

There is no other information to report.