

Annual Chapter Report Outline

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

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Name of School/College: MCPHS University – Boston

Chapter Name & region: Psi Chapter - Region I

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Introduction

The Rho Chi Society, Psi Chapter is a Boston-based organization of students which aims to foster education, professionalism, and a sense of community. The Psi Chapter participates in a number of events throughout each academic year in order to encourage these principles, and its officers and advisor lead themselves with honor and integrity, to serve as role models to their peers.

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

Date	Attendance	Agenda	Action Steps
2017-09-09	7 (E-board)	Discuss review session dates and Material for the month of September	Submitted Event Proposals to the school
2017-09-21	50	Discuss jacket ordering, review sessions, and community service for the semester	Voted on jacket style
2018-02-05	60	Review list of students/faculty who were invited for induction and motion to accept them	All invited students/faculty were accepted by the existing chapter
2018-03-12	7 (E-board)	Prepare and organize items for the induction ceremony	Organized pins and certificates, made center pieces

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

Rho Chi Psi Chapter's goals for this previous academic year have been modeled to reflect the mission of the society as a whole. We aimed to further exemplify excellence, accountability, and collaboration through our activity on campus and within the community. Our chapter's officers always offer review sessions for P-2 students, and this year we worked even harder to encourage collaboration from all inductees. We also strived to improve collaboration with an active presence in our campus' pharmacy council, a council of officers from all pharmacy organizations at MCPHS University. Our chapter also set goals to promote intellectual excellence and ethical standards through not only example but also unwavering professionalism and respect to all individuals within our scopes of pharmacy. Finally, our chapter established a goal to serve our surrounding community and aimed to fulfill this goal by hosting events the proceeds of which benefitted charities such as the American Red Cross. Rho Chi Psi chapter is proud to say that our goals to educate, inspire, and empower our fellow inductees this year are a reflection of what this honors society stands for.

Activities

Our Rho Chi chapter held seven review sessions throughout the year for P2 students. These review sessions covered material from Pharmacology, Medicinal Chemistry, and Virology. Our executive board created questions and PowerPoint presentations pertaining to the subjects. Our review sessions each hosted approximately 75-100 attendees and food was provided by the chapter at most review sessions. Of note, these review sessions have been an on-going tradition held by officers through many years preceding this year's group. In addition to the review sessions for the P2 students, our officers began a new initiative this year to encourage success for the P3 students as well. With that being said, our chapter held a PCOA review session for P3 students in preparation for the exam which was taken in the middle of the P3 academic year. This review session was developed and run by the officers of our chapter and lasted two hours long, reviewing materials from all three years of pharmacy school. There were 60 attendees at this event. Our chapter also hosted two community outreach events throughout the year. One of the events was a Blaze Pizza Fundraiser. This event was open to all students and faculty from the MCPHS community. Participants were able to purchase food from Blaze Pizza on a particular day and 20% of all proceeds were donated to the American Red Cross. We were able to raise \$250.00 for this organization. In addition to this community outreach event we also planned a community service event with Fenway Park (The Green Team). For this event, members of the Rho Chi executive board would volunteer to collect recyclable items from fans in Fenway Park during a Red Sox game, however, due to the Boston Marathon, this event was cancelled by the Green Team and a date was set for later in May 2018. Finally, our chapter began several other new initiatives to benefit all students and promote learning by collaborating with other pharmacy organizations at our institution, a feat not undertaken by preceding chapters. In a collaborative effort with every other pharmacy organization at our institution, a poster symposium was held which aimed to educate students about various topics, including the Psi chapter's presentation on antibiotic resistance. Another collaborative effort was made with the Phi Lambda Sigma leadership society, in which our two organizations worked together to hold an event in which the new hypertension guidelines would be presented by a faculty member for any students interested.

Financial Budgeting

Our budget was determined from the previous spending of our Rho Chi Chapter at MCPHS University. We looked at their programs and events, incorporated our own ideas, and presented a budget to our school. The school reviewed each proposal and then allocated a certain amount of money to each club and organization.

Installation Function

The initiation function was held on March 17, 2018 at the Hyatt Regency Cambridge in their ballroom overlooking the Charles River. Each new member was invited, along with up to two guests, to attend this beautiful luncheon. In addition, a number of faculty members were in attendance along with the chapter's officers, advisors, the Dean of the School of Pharmacy, the Interim Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost, and the family of Dr. William E. Hassan, whom the lecture is dedicated to. The initiation function began with a reception, in which students and their families were able to mingle with faculty, the Dean of Pharmacy

Practice, and Rho Chi Psi chapter officers. The event hall then opened up to allow for a luncheon, which featured standard procedures of the function including the reception of the certificate and pin, and the recitation of the oath. Moreover, our chapter was grateful to have the wonderful Dr. Adam Persky of the University of North Carolina join us as the speaker. Dr. Persky delivered a warm, empowering, and heart-felt address, which was met by many with tears and emotional movement. Finally, our function also included the announcement of the incoming officers for the Psi chapter.

Evaluation/Reflection

Over the course of the academic year, our chapter hosted several review sessions for P2 PharmD students at the University. Each review sessions lasted roughly two hours and consisted of various questions pertaining to Pharmacology, Virology and Medicinal Chemistry. As officers, we took it upon ourselves to secure a classroom large enough to hold approximately 75-100 students, which was our average turnout. Our review sessions were rather seamless, as the officers were able to cover all of the material for the exam it was dedicated to, as well as provide extra time to answer any and all questions that the P2 students had to the best of our ability. We received terrific feedback from the P2 students, who thanked us profusely for the time and effort put forth for the review sessions. As with any event, there are certainly areas to improve upon, and one aspect of our review sessions that could have been done differently was to have more participation from general members of our chapter in these sessions. Although it would be overwhelming to have over 60 students facilitate a review session, having several more individuals help aside from the 7 e-board members could have benefitted the student attendees, especially with regards to answering their individual questions.

Relative to our charity-focused Blaze Pizza Fundraising event, our chapter found great success in raising money for the American Red Cross. Having raised approximately \$250 for this organization in a single afternoon, we look forward to encouraging incoming e-boards to host similar events, as the result was fantastic.

We were also fortunate to hold an event with Phi Lambda Sigma, in which a faculty member presented the new Hypertensive guidelines. The event lasted about 2 hours and had a turnout of over 150 students. To P2 students in attendance, this was a great review, and to the P3 students, this provided an opportunity to learn the new information, as the older guidelines had been covered in Therapeutics I the year prior. We received tremendous feedback pertaining to this event, all of which were positive in nature. An area of potential improvement for this event would be to modify the format of the presentation to include a more interactive hypertension trivia or review game after the material is discussed.

Finally, our chapter's president and secretary conducted a survey following the chapter's review session for the PCOA exam. The feedback was extremely useful, as it will allow future chapters to improve upon this piloted program. The overwhelming majority of the feedback was positive, citing the review session as having been helpful. In addition to this response, we were also able to gather information on what could be improved upon. For example, many students noted that they would have liked to see more Drug Literature or Research Methods material covered within

the review session, which is certainly a change we will encourage future officers to make.

Other Information

N/A