

Annual Chapter Report Outline

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

Date of report submission: 2018-05-07

Name of School/College: Auburn University Harrison School of Pharmacy

Chapter Name & region: Zeta; Region III – South

Delegate who attended the Rho Chi Annual Meeting: Shelby Lawrence

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(If not yet elected, please indicate date of anticipated election and report names within one week
of election)
2018-09-30

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Introduction

Included in this report is a summary of the activities of our Rho Chi chapter this year.

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

Date	Attendance	Agenda	Action Steps
2017-10-27	20 student members and chapter advisor, Dr. Jungnickel	Update on initiation of Mobile students, officer nomination announcement, discription of officer responisibilities provided, Discussion of upcoming events for the Spring 2018 semester, Rho Chi national meeting information and request for delegate	Meeting information emailed to chapter members, E-mail communication with chapter advisor to cast votes for officers, Invitation to participate in mentor program
2018-02-01	President and chapter advisor, Dr. Jungnickel	Selection of events for Spring semester, Discussion of goals for the year, Discussion of Rho Chi annual meeting	Review of previous year's annual report to consider events for year, Meeting with chapter officers and chapter advisor, E-mail communication to vote on Rho Chi Outstanding Alumnus Award
2018-04-12	Executive officers and chapter advisor, Dr. Jungnickel	Discussion of study hall event and selection of dates	E-mail communication of members to participate in study hall, Room reservation through school system

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

- Organize events which demonstrated the value of scholarship and leadership
- Provide opportunities to student pharmacists to expand their knowledge and talents
- Continue to be an active chapter and lay the groundwork for future years

Activities

Rho Chi Alumni Honor Roll:

- Dr. Spencer Durham was selected to receive the 2018 Rho Chi Outstanding Alumnus Award

Peer Mentor Program

- Ongoing initiative (since 2015)
- Continued throughout fall and spring semester
- Chapter members volunteer to meet with first or second year pharmacy students who are in need of additional academic guidance
- Harrison School of Pharmacy Office of Academic and Student Affairs assigns student pairs to maintain confidentiality

- Rho Chi members met with their assigned students to help them develop effective study habits and test-taking strategies

Leadership panel co-hosted with Phi Lambda Sigma

- Ongoing leadership conference (since 2012)
- March 22, 2018
- This event was open to the entire pharmacy school
- Panel members: Dr. Jessica Starr, HSOP faculty member, clinical pharmacist, and residency director at Princeton Baptist Medical Center in Birmingham; Beth McDaniel, CVS District Manager and community pharmacy residency coordinator; Dr. Roberts, a PGY1 joint community pharmacy resident at Adams Drugs; and Paul Paratore, a P4 student currently on rotations
- E-mail communication with organization officers, chapter advisors, and chapter members to plan the event

Study Hall for students

- Ongoing initiative (since 2015)
- Held during the Spring 2018 final exam period
- Two separate study halls were held, one for first year pharmacy students and one for second year pharmacy students
- Rho Chi members helped other pharmacy students prepare for final exams by providing test taking strategies, study tips, and advice on time management
- E-mail communication with students and advisors to plan the event
- Attended by student pharmacists

Financial Budgeting

The Rho Chi chapter budget includes dues collected from initiates and funds remaining from previous years, which were used to purchase medallions and keypins for the new initiates. No additional funds were expended for any event this year.

Installation Function

Our initiation ceremony for new members was held on October 9, 2017 on Auburn's campus. The initiation of Mobile students took place on November 7, 2017 on the Mobile campus. Both initiation ceremonies were held later in the semester than anticipated due to inclement weather. Dr. Kimberly Braxton-Lloyd, Assistant Dean for Health Services, Director of Auburn University Pharmaceutical Care Center, and a faculty member at the Harrison School of Pharmacy, was the Keynote Speaker. Incoming Rho Chi initiates were given a medallion, a keypin, and a membership certificate. Twenty-nine PharmD candidates and five graduate students were initiated into our chapter.

Evaluation/Reflection

This year's greatest strength of our chapter was the continuation of our peer mentor program and student study hall. Students that were in academic difficulty frequently expressed their need to

gain study strategies and testing tips from another student as opposed to their assigned faculty mentors. We were able to reach out to these students who expressed a need for further academic guidance. Our program was highly successful, and faculty members received feedback about how much students enjoyed being able to interact with their peers and get advice directly. The study hall provided near final exams allowed opportunities for all students, whether struggling in school or excelling, to ask questions and learn how to successfully conquer finals week. These events allowed Rho Chi to give back to the school through service and intellectual leadership.

As an area of improvement for our chapter, we hope to build on past successes by continuing to be an active organization on campus by providing more activities to our members and the student body, which supports Rho Chi's ideals of intellectual achievement, critical inquiry, and fellowship. We can do so by holding timely chapter officer meetings to organize events for the year, increasing the number of Rho Chi members in attendance at each event, and improving communications and coordination with the Mobile campus. In addition to the peer mentor program, school-wide events such as study skills workshops have also been planned in order to further the scholarly mission of Rho Chi. Our plans consist of more student involvement in meetings, such as research presentations. We hope in the future to raise funds to host speakers and provide more seminars in order to reach out further to our fellow pharmacy students. Next year, we also hope to reintroduce the tradition of our chapter sponsoring a speaker for our Professional Seminar course.

Other Information

N/A