

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: University of North Texas System College of Pharmacy

Chapter Name & region: Epsilon Pi, Region VI

Delegate who attended the Rho Chi Annual Meeting: N/A

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2019-05-10

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Introduction

This was the inaugural year of the Epsilon Pi Chapter at the University of North Texas System College of Pharmacy. We worked hard to build this organization on campus from the ground up and to establish a legacy that will endure for years to come. As an organization, we came together and were able to establish a local constitution and bylaws. We worked hard to raise money for our chapter, which we used to finance a memorable induction ceremony that highlighted the achievements of students and graduates from five different graduating classes. Most importantly, we established friendships and laid the groundwork for future growth and development.

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

Date	Attendance	Agenda	Action Steps
2018-08-24	18	Discuss mission/vision of Rho Chi, future direction	Plan upcoming meetings
2018-08-31	17	Elect officers	Prepare constitution and bylaws manuscript
2018-09-07	15	Adopt constitution and bylaws	Set goals for upcoming year, determine initiatives
2018-09-25	5	Discuss dues collection and fundraising, delegate responsibilities for initiation ceremony	Determine venue for initiation ceremony

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

One of our earliest goals was to ensure that each member of Rho Chi understood well the mission and vision of the organization. To that end, we emphasized them frequently at general meetings and officer meetings and carefully selected speakers and topics at the induction ceremony that aligned with this aim.

In addition, we set the goal of making contact with all eligible graduates and inducting them into the organization. This was particularly challenging, as many had outdated contact information and/or were no longer interested. Creating opportunities for those that had moved away to become inducted was also difficult. We had to think outside the box and ended up conducting

makeup initiation ceremonies via videoconferencing to ensure that each candidate was formally inducted.

Lastly, we set the goal of developing at least one new tradition. This we did by creating a new award, the “Rho Chi Distinguished Scholar Award.” Each year, the recipient of the “Rho Chi Distinguished Scholar Award” is a P4 student that has been nominated by a peer and which embodies the mission and vision of Rho Chi in his/her everyday life. The award is to be given out each year at our school’s P4 Awards Ceremony, which takes place the week of graduation.

Activities

We initiated a new activity this year with the aim of preparing our members for final examinations in the spring. We played an interactive review game together over lunch that contained material from both the P2 and P3 curriculums. Not only did the game provide a fun and productive outlet for reviewing material, but it fostered team-building among members, as those that were successful had to work together in unison to achieve a positive outcome.

In addition, many of our members teamed up with the Center for Academic Performance, a campus-wide organization, to provide tutoring services for students within the pharmacy program. Tutoring is available to all upon referral and is free for students. In addition to one-on-one tutoring, several of our members provided large group tutorials (i.e. test reviews) for any that were interested prior to P1 and P2 midterm examinations. Attendance at large group tutorials ranged from about 20-40 per session, with more than a dozen large group tutorials offered during the school year. This new initiative had a large positive impact within the college of pharmacy and is expected to continue in future years.

Financial Budgeting

The 2018-19 Budget Report was developed by Khang Tran (treasurer) and approved by Blake Wassom (president) – see attachment. With this being our first year, we started with a zero balance. Most of the money raised during the year came from dues. We collected a one-time payment of \$100 for each member, \$65 of which went to the national office and \$35 of which supported our local chapter. In addition, we held two major fundraising events, which included a tumbler sale and a bake sale. Our largest expense was the induction ceremony, which included the cost of the venue, meal, and flight/hotel costs to host a national officer. With the remaining funds, we purchased food for one of our general meetings and paid for shipping of certificates and pins to graduates that were unable to attend the induction ceremony in person. We ended the year with a slight surplus of \$73.86.

Installation Function

The Rho Chi Initiation Ceremony took place on Saturday, February 16, 2019. It was held at Joe T. Garcia’s Mexican Restaurant, an iconic venue in the heart of Fort Worth, Texas. We were privileged to have Dr. Amanda Stahnke join us from the University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Pharmacy, as well as faculty members, students and guests from the University of North Texas System College of Pharmacy. Dr. Stahnke was the presiding officer and keynote

speaker at the event. We also had speeches from faculty advisors Dr. Caitlin Gibson, Dr. Tina Machu, and former Epsilon Pi President Blake Wassom.

In total, 39 members were inducted at the initiation event held on February 16, 2019. Subsequently, 25 additional members were inducted at makeup initiations, which included one live event held on Friday, March 29, and three online initiations conducted via videoconferencing.

Evaluation/Reflection

As a first-year student organization, we were tasked with building the organization from the ground up. Without past members or prior traditions to guide our planning, developing new initiatives was somewhat slow and challenging. However, I have been working closely with the newly elected President to share ideas and recommendations so that the organization can hit the ground running at the beginning of next year. Particularly, we have discussed plans for activities that will provide service to our community. We have learned a lot over the past year and feel that the future of the Rho Chi Epsilon Pi chapter is bright. Even with it being a new organization on campus, our members are gaining recognition as leaders by their peers and are making a positive impact on those they serve.

Other Information

N/A