

**Reproductive Health Interest Group Meeting
General Student Body Meeting**

October 14, 2004

Minutes

A. Introduction to RHIG

Co-President Rotrease Regan Yates introduced RHIG and described some of RHIG's main activities from last year. All other RHIG officers as well as Chairs of Subcommittees briefly introduced themselves and the goals/activities of each Subcommittee.

B. American Public Health Association

Andrea Hoberman, co-chair of the Subcommittee on Service and Advocacy, described some of the activities at the upcoming conference of the American Public Health Association (APHA). APHA has organized an event on Capitol Hill on November 9 to advocate for health as a national priority. Andrea will send an e-mail with details about other events that might be of interest for those attending APHA. Additionally, the APHA Student Caucus, chaired by Andrea, has organized career sessions and other activities specifically for students attending the conference.

Dr. Paula Tavrow mentioned the Population Association of America as an entity that also organizes conferences for professionals in the area of population.

C. Bixby Program in Population and Reproductive Health

Dr. Tavrow, faculty advisor for RHIG, gave a brief introduction to the Bixby Program. The program was initiated when UCLA became the recipient of a grant from the Fred H. Bixby Foundation. Dr. Tavrow was hired to build the School of Public Health's capacity and research in the area of population and reproductive health and, ultimately, to make UCLA one of the Public Health schools noted in the area of reproductive health.

Dr. Tavrow also announced that the Michigan Population Fellows Program has an upcoming deadline on November 1st. Information about this program can be found on the Bixby Program web site. Dr. Anne Pebley sits on the Board of the Michigan Pop. Fellows program. Dr. Pebley will meet with students interested in applying to the program on Monday from 10-10:30.

The Bixby Program provides support, advice, and funding to RHIG.

D. Public Health Workforce Preparedness Act of 2004

Co-President Leah Maddock suggested a letter-writing campaign in January 2005 in support of the Public Health Workforce Preparedness Act. The bill is currently in the Senate and will need a companion bill from the House of Representatives. According to the bill, anyone graduating from an accredited university with an MPH and working in public health at the federal, state, or local level would be eligible for scholarships and loan repayments.

E. Announcements

- ✍ Meeting with Susan Fogel on 10/27/04 to give input on the new Advocacy course to potentially be taught in the spring of 2005. Location to be announced.
- ✍ Bixby Lecture: Mary-Jane Wagle, President/CEO of Planned Parenthood Los Angeles, 10/19/04 in the Dean's Conference Room. 12-1 PM
- ✍ Bixby Summer Intern Presentations. November 1st and 3rd, 5-7PM both days in the Dean's Conference Room
- ✍ Next RHIG General Body Meeting on 11/17/04 from 5:30-7:30 PM in the Dean's Conference Room
- ✍ Peace Corps on campus, 10/28/04. 7-8:30 PM in Strathmore Building, 2nd Floor in the Career Library