

Reproductive Health Interest Group Meeting
May 20, 2004

I. Introductions

II. RHIG Election of Officers

The Reproductive Health Interest Group held its first election of officers. Alejandra Aguirre, former RHIG President encouraged RHIG members to continue to work collaboratively with other campus groups, as well as increase RHIG's visibility by taking an active role in campus activities.

The new RHIG officers are:

Co-Chairs: Rotrease Reagan-Yates and Leah Maddock

Secretary: Lissette Flores

Treasurer: Emily Chung

Service/Advocacy Subcommittee Co-Chairs: Ingrid Dries-Daffner and Andrea Hoberman

Reproductive Health Courses Subcommittee Co-Chairs: Bridget Brownell and Kristen Shellenberg

International Internships and Lectures Subcommittee Co-Chairs: Lidia Carlton and Judy Olweny

The new officers will meet this quarter to plan fall activities.

III. Report from the Reproductive Health Courses Subcommittee

Andrea Hoberman reported the results of the student survey. The survey asked students to rate their interest in a reproductive health specialization. A total of 144 surveys were collected over the course of two days.

- ✍ 27% of students who filled out the survey said they were extremely interested in a reproductive health specialization
- ✍ 26% of students who filled out the survey said they planned to, or had already completed, field work in the area of reproductive health
- ✍ Only 17% of students had seen the guide to reproductive health courses

IV. Report from the Service/Advocacy Subcommittee

Emily Chung reported on the meeting with Dr. Ed Wiesmeier at the Ashe Student Center. The Center provides Emergency Contraception (EC). Dr. Wiesmeier is working on establishing a protocol for doctors and nurses to address EC with clients. The Ashe Center will soon be adopting a new computer system, which will give doctors specific issues to address for specific visits. This new system should also help standardize clinic visits that include a conversation about EC. Currently, only certain doctors will provide clients with pre-prescriptions of EC. Additionally, information about EC is not readily accessible or noticeable in the center. Dr. Wiesmeier pointed out that knowledge about

EC among students was not very high and that RHIG could work on raising awareness about EC and its availability at the Ashe Center.

Alejandra Aguirre suggested that we work with the Feminist Majority Group on campus on this project. Dr. Tavrow mentioned that Francine Coeytaux is willing to work with RHIG on this issue as well.

V. Announcements

✍ Two new courses in the area of reproductive health are proposed to be offered next year at the School of Public Health.

- i. *Foundations of Reproductive Health* may be offered in the Fall Quarter 2004. Students expressed some concerns that the course may be too basic and/or too general. Dr. Tavrow agreed to set up a meeting of students with the proposed professors to ensure that the course would meet the needs of interested students.
 - ii. *Advocacy & Politics of Reproductive Health*, may be offered in the Spring Quarter 2005. It would give students an opportunity to review case studies and to develop their advocacy skills.
- ✍ RHIG raised \$305.12 from the first Bagels and Condoms Sale. Sara Siebert, who will be traveling to Uganda this summer, will present the Millennium Stars with the cash raised from this and the next Bagel and Condoms sale. Emily Chung will work on a *protocol* for future RHIG fundraising activities. The next bagels sale is slated for the first week of June.