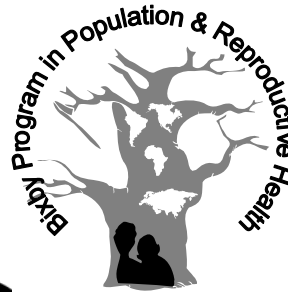




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Reproductive Health Interest Group
General Body Meeting
Minutes for November 14, 2007
Room 41-268

I. Introductions

II. RHIG Action: RHIG members participated in letter-writing to either Assemblyman Lloyd Levine or Mike Feuer to inform them about the issue about the issues regarding condom use and STI testing of Adult Film performers. Twenty-seven letters were mailed to their corresponding offices.

III. Update on the Bixby Program from Paula Tavrow

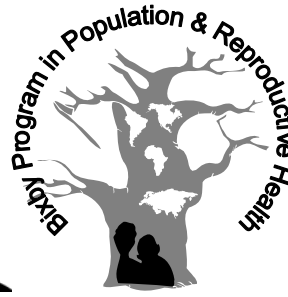
- a. For those interested in the Bixby Certificate: CHS 296, Sec. 1: Violence against Women and Girls counting towards the Bixby certificate is no longer available – if you are interested in getting a Bixby Certificate and you find a class on this topic offered by another department on campus, petition to the CHS department (Blue petitions available from Tanya Youssephzadeh) so that it can be included in the matrix to count towards the Bixby Certificate. Possibly relevant Bixby course: Global Human Trafficking: SOC E285 - Special Topics in Sociology.
- b. Bixby Mentorship Program e-mails will be sent out shortly. Interested student mentors must be in their 2nd year of the MPH program and must make an appointment with a faculty member (of public health or other UCLA departments) to check if they can be your mentor. Mentors and their faculty must meet weekly throughout two academic quarters. Topics for funding will vary and are awarded to 1 or 2 students per year at a \$1500 stipend per quarter. Look in your e-mail inbox for details.

IV. Committee Reports

- a. *Fundraising:* The bagel/condom lollipop sale was a success!!! RHIG made \$70 in two hours! The next RHIG event is a raffle of items donated from Westwood vendors that will be held on **Friday, November 30th at 2 pm on Bruin Walk** at the AIDS Day Event. Raffle tickets are \$2 each and proceeds go to Medicine for Humanity to end gender-based violence in Nairobi, Kenya.
- b. *Special Projects & Speaker Committee:* RHIG members are working on an event for the week after Thanksgiving. Planned for *winter quarter*, RHIG will sponsor a speaker from Planned Parenthood to address arising policy issues in reproductive health, a possible panel about sex work, and speakers from CAST will come to speak about the health issues related to human trafficking. For *spring quarter*, RHIG is planning to get involved with the Clothesline Project, a campus-wide event.



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On campus speakers:

November 25th- December 10, 2007 is “16 days of Activism against Gender Violence,” sponsored by the Center for Women’s Global Leadership. For winter quarter, the committee is planning on publishing anonymous campus-based short-stories/experiences in Daily Bruin re: gender violence. The group will also hold a Film Documentary/Show with topics of gender violence and/or comprehensive sex education with guided discussion/panel. Possible guest or documentary showing from Shelby Knox (TX) who has been involved with working with the school board and politicians to have comprehensive sex education in schools. Possibility of reaching Lydia Carlton, who is currently in Orange County collecting and reviewing sex education curricula, to be featured as part of a discussion panel.

- c. *Adult Film Industry Committee:* A summary sheet of key findings from the AFI survey was compiled and handed out to RHIG members. This survey gathered the beliefs, attitudes, and knowledge of the consumer population about the health and safety in the industry of adult films. Upcoming event: At Hammer Museum: “Dirty Business: Should the Porn Industry Be Saved?” Details below.
 - d. *HPV Subcommittee:* RHIG members plan to set up a table, pass out information, and present to the campus about HPV on November 30th for World AIDS day, December 1st. Members are also designing an HPV Survey with an ultimate goal to lower the cost of the HPV Vaccine. The group is currently working with the Student Health Advisory Committee at the Ashe Center to brainstorm ways to be effective at this campaign. The group is planning on collaborating with the fundraising committee for a World AIDS Event. Possible outreach to the UCLA Greeks with an Ashe Center nurse for winter quarter.
- V. **Presentation: Shonali Choudhury “Power relationships and HIV prevention among female sex workers in Tijuana: Preliminary Data and Methodological Considerations.”**
- PhD student Shonali presented to the group about the role of community initiated social organizations as a potential mechanism for addressing social inequalities in power, sexuality, and health from the perspective of female sex workers.

VI. **Upcoming Events**

Dirty Business: Should the Porn Industry be Saved?

Held at the Hammer Museum on Monday, November 28, 2007 at 7 pm.

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