

Reproductive Health Interest Group (RHIG)

General Body Meeting

11/17/2004

Minutes

I. Introductions

Each person in attendance introduced her/himself. Additionally, they shared their areas of interest and experience in the field of public health.

II. Letter-writing campaign: 34 Million Friends Campaign

Group shared what they knew about the 34 Million Friends Campaign: its purpose, why and how it was started. The Ad hoc committee drafted a letter to be sent to the editor of 1) The Daily Bruin, 2) LA Times 3) LA Weekly, 4) The Wall Street Journal, and 5) The New York Times. Lissette Flores will finish drafting the letter and will send to everyone in attendance for edits and for final approval.

III. Overview of the Bixby Program

Dr. Paula Tavrow explained that the program was established at UCLA as a result of a gift from the Fred Bixby Foundation. Each year the Bixby Program awards scholarships to support students' internships overseas. Information about scholarships and potential internships will be made available in early Winter quarter.

IV. The new RHIG structure

Leah Maddock described the new RHIG structure. In an effort to distribute the responsibilities more evenly among the subcommittees, RHIG officers considered several ways to reconfigure the existing structure. The following new committees were created. They will replace the existing subcommittees:

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| a. On-campus activities | Bridget Brownell and Kristen Shellenberg |
| b. Off-campus activities | Andrea Hoberman and Ingrid Dries-Daffner |
| c. Speakers | Judy Olweny and Lidia Carlton |
| d. Fundraising | Emily Chung |
| e. Ad hoc | Rotrease Regan-Yates and Leah Maddock |

V. Group work

Each committee worked on an action plan for the next few months. Each presented their plan to the larger group.

- ✍ Off-campus committee will begin to research current reproductive health issues that we can advocate for at the local, statewide, national, and international levels.
- ✍ On-campus activities committee will work on meeting with key staff in the CHS and Epi Departments to discuss the idea of a reproductive health specialization.
- ✍ Speakers committee will work on securing at least two speakers per quarter.
- ✍ Fundraising committee will begin working on a bagel sale in early December.
- ✍ Ad hoc committee will send letters to editors of the publications mentioned above.