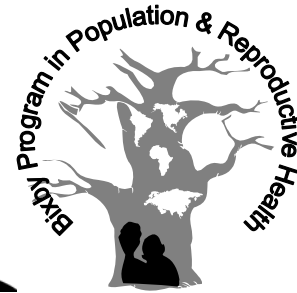




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Reproductive Health Interest Group  
General Body Meeting  
Minutes for January 16, 2008  
CHS 41-268

**I. Introductions**

Congratulations to Phillip Massey, the new RHIG Co-President!

**II. Student Health Advisory Committee (SHAC) and PHSA Announcements**

Marissa Lee, an undergraduate rep from SHAC provided the group with an update of what they are doing to advocate for students' health needs. They are currently in the process of insurance selection/plan benefit negotiations for G/SHIP for 2008-2009, advocating for reduced fees for Gardasil vaccinations, and amending the Deficit Reduction Act of 2005 (to include colleges and universities on lists for "best pricing" of birth control pills). Student input is needed to gain more leverage on this issue. Please e-mail SHAC your personal stories and complaints regarding these issues! E-mail Marissa: [minnalee@ucla.edu](mailto:minnalee@ucla.edu).

**III. Committee Reports**

***Fundraising:*** Upcoming Events

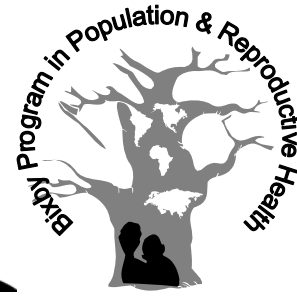
- 1) ***Valentine's Day Condom Roses Sale:*** Red condom roses will be sold on the main campus to raise funds for Medicine for Humanity. RHIG members are needed to help in assembling roses. Michelle will e-mail with a time/date. The Fundraising Committee needs your help!
- 2) ***Talent Show:*** (tentative for Spring Quarter) Possible collaboration with the World Arts and Culture department (Make Art Stop AIDS). SPH students and faculty will be encouraged to sign up. Talent show should have a theme. Location TBA. Funds will be raised through a raffle during intermission and will be donated to Medicine for Humanity.
- 3) ***Public Health Awareness Week and SPH Prospective Students, Week of April 7<sup>th</sup>:*** PHSA is planning events throughout the week of April 7<sup>th</sup>. The committee will look into designating one day to RHIG to incorporate a fundraising event and/or petition/letter-signing. Also scheduled for April 7<sup>th</sup> is Prospective Student Day for the School of Public Health. RHIG involvement is anticipated.

***Speaker Committee (On campus Activities)***

- 1) Edith Sargon from **CHOICE USA** hopes to hold an on-campus Reproductive Health Advocacy training for interested RHIG members. Training will be focused on teaching students how to advocate the



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community for collaborative efforts on reproductive health issues. The training will be held 1 weekend long (Friday 1/2 day, full Saturday and half Sunday, possibly the 1<sup>st</sup> week of Spring quarter). Commitment of at least 20 students is required to hold the training. If you are interested in participating, please contact Khoban at [kkochai@ucla.edu](mailto:kkochai@ucla.edu). There will be a fee for participating.

- 2) Involvement with **Public Health Awareness Week** to address the Federal Funds Deficit Act to lower the cost of oral contraceptives on campus. Possible letter-writing/petition table (see "Fundraising") during the week of April 7<sup>th</sup>.

**Speaker Committee:**

The committee will hold an Alumni Panel on Feb 27<sup>th</sup> (location TBD) to discuss career choices and opportunities for Community Health Sciences students. Possible speaker Dr. Leo Lagasse, who has worked with Medicine for Humanity and Obstetric Fistula may attend as well.

**Adult Film Industry Project:**

A push for legislation for the health of Adult Film actors is still underway. The draft is completed but still needs an author and sponsors. The group is currently drafting rebuttal to industry opposition on the health issues (mandatory condoms, etc.). The group is hoping to have Dr. Peter Kerndt, head of the STD dept at the Los Angeles DPH, to come and speak to RHIG some time in Feb/March.

**HPV Committee:**

- 1) Education/Outreach: The committee is preparing to administer a knowledge/beliefs and attitudes survey to UCLA students about HPV. The survey will have two phases; the first is a paper/pencil survey scheduled for this quarter, and the second phase is a tentative computer-based survey administered in the spring quarter.
- 2) HPV Vaccine: The committee is also researching methods to strategize a possible subsidy to improve student's access to it (Gardasil vaccination). Lastly, the group is also planning outreach education to the sororities and fraternities (Row Walks) to educate students about HPV. The next row walk will be held January 28<sup>th</sup> from 5-6 pm. An e-mail from Bonnie and Alison was sent out. If interested, please contact Bonnie ([bonniejoy.smith@gmail.com](mailto:bonniejoy.smith@gmail.com)) or Alison ([Alison.j.hughes@gmail.com](mailto:Alison.j.hughes@gmail.com))

**IV. Upcoming Events:**

The **next RHIG meeting** is scheduled for February 20<sup>th</sup>, in room 41-268 from 5-7 pm.

The Speaker Committee will be hosting a **RHIG Alumni panel** on February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2008! Come to hear about exciting job opportunities available for SPH graduates!