

**REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH INTEREST GROUP
MINUTES
April 7, 2004**

I. Introductions

II. Reproductive Health Track:

a) Student Questionnaire

Andrea Hoberman presented the draft student questionnaire. The questionnaire is intended to gauge student interest in a Reproductive Health track at SPH. The group suggested several changes. It was agreed that Andrea would make the changes by the end of the week. Several people volunteered to pass out and return the completed questionnaires to Celia and Andrea who will be compile results and share the results with RHIG. The results will be compiled in time for use at the upcoming meeting with Dean Kominski. They will also be presented at the next RHIG meeting.

b) Meeting with Associate Dean Jerry Kominski

Ingrid, Judy, Kristen and Leah are scheduled to meet with Associate Dean Kominski to follow-up on their initial meeting regarding establishing a reproductive health (RH) track at SPH. Following their initial meeting, Dean Kominski agreed to discuss the issue of a RH track with Dr. Pebley and Dr. Harrison. Dean Kominski will report back from his meeting and will suggest next steps to move forward.

III. New Reproductive Health Courses

Next year students will have the opportunity to take two new courses in the area of RH: Advocacy and Politics, and Foundations of Women's Health. More information about these two courses will follow.

IV. Data from Michigan Population Fellows Program

Dr. Paula Tavrow presented information from the Michigan Population Fellows Program. In total, 37 UCLA students have ever applied to the program. All other schools had a total of 468 applicants. From 1984 to 1993, most UCLA students who applied were accepted into the pool of fellows; however, from 1994 to 2003, the number of UCLA applicants dropped dramatically, as did the number of UCLA students accepted and placed. On a positive note, Dr. Anne Pebley will sit on the board of the Michigan Population Fellows Program starting in June 2004.

Tabitha Keener, a graduate of the UCLA School of Public Health and former Michigan Population Fellow, shared her work experience through the Michigan Population Fellows Program with RHIG members.

V. Ashe Center: Availability of Emergency Contraception

Rotrease will contact the Medical Director of the Ashe Center and propose a meeting to discuss the availability of Emergency Contraception at the Center. A sign-up sheet of those interested in attending the meeting was circulated.

VI. Bagel and Condom Sale

Ingrid, Andrea and Emily will coordinate the condom and bagel sale, slated for May 4th and 5th. Emily will circulate a sign-up sheet. The sale will benefit the Millennium Stars, an HIV education group in the slums of Kampala, Uganda.

Ingrid was able to secure a condom donation of 1,000 condoms to be sold in packets of three for \$1.00. Bagels and cream cheese will be sold for \$1.00.

VII. Bixby Program in Population and Reproductive Health Application for Summer Internships

Applications for funding for summer internships will be made available in mid-April. The deadline will be May 7th. Awards will be announced on May 19th. The goal is to fund all students who have secured an internship overseas working in the area of population and reproductive health and present a clear and complete scope of work..

VIII. Leadership of RHIG

According to the new constitution, RHIG will vote for its slate of leaders towards the end of the Spring Quarter every year. There will be 6 available positions: President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Sub-Committee Chairs (3). Students will be asked to self-nominate and elections will be held at the next RHIG meeting.

IX. Next RHIG meeting

The next RHIG meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 20th from 5-7 p.m.