

REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH INTEREST GROUP
General Body Meeting -Minutes
January 24, 2005

I. Dr. Michael Lu, CHS Department

Dr. Lu discussed how he became interested in reproductive health, as well as his philosophy for how to appropriately address reproductive health problems in the communities where he works.

II. Bixby Program in Population and Reproductive Health

- a. Dr. Tavrow offered a brief overview of the new Bixby Reproductive Health Research Mentorship program. This initiative is intended to help students develop research skills in the areas of population, reproductive health, and/or family planning. For detailed information about this initiative please refer to the Call for Proposals for Reproductive Health Mentorships available on the Bixby website. Applications for the academic year 2004-2005 are due on or before March 1st, 2005.
- b. A new Reproductive Health Advocacy Skills course has been approved by the CHS Curriculum Committee. The day and time are yet to be determined, but the course will most likely be offered on Wednesdays from 3-6PM.

III. On-Campus Activities Committee

- a. Bridget announced a Q & A session for students interested in a domestic or international reproductive health internship. The session, scheduled for Thursday, January 27th from 7-8:30PM, will feature a panel of students who worked on population and reproductive health projects this past summer.
- b. The Committee continues to work on advancing a reproductive health track or concentration in reproductive health at UCLA's School of Public Health. As part of this effort, Kristen presented a summary of what other universities offer in the area of population and reproductive health. Committee members will meet with Professor Morisky, Chair of the Community Health Sciences Department and Professor Detels, Chair of the Epidemiology Department to discuss an interdepartmental concentration.

IV. Off-Campus Committee

- a. Andrea and Ingrid announced the SPEAK OUT FOR REPRODUCTIVE JUSTICE DAY in Sacramento, June 7, 2005, an event sponsored by the CA Coalition for Reproductive Freedom. RHIG members participated in this event

two years ago and the committee plans to organize a group to attend this year's activities.

- b. The committee is working with Representative Jackie Goldberg's office to schedule an advocacy workshop for students.

V. Speaker's Committee

- a. Judy announced that Dr. Mitchell from AIM MED would be speaking on February 10 at 12:00PM in the Dean's Conference Room.
- b. The committee is planning on inviting another speaker for the spring quarter to address the impact of the current legal system of reproductive health rights. The committee is looking for people to help in planning this event.

VI. Fundraising Committee

- a. The fundraising committee has scheduled a bagel sale for February 7 from 7-11:30AM; Emily distributed a sign-up sheet. The committee is currently looking for an organization involved in reproductive health work in the border area as recipient of the funds. A small part of the funds will be used to cover RHIG administrative expenses.

Dr. Tavrow suggested that RHIG consider donating funds to an organization in Zimbabwe called the Zimbabwe Blind People's AIDS Education Trust working on HIV education for the blind and visually impaired.

VII. Upcoming Events

- a. January 26th Michigan Population Fellows Program Speaker, 12PM, 23-105 CHS
- b. January 27th Q&A for reproductive health internships, 7PM, 53-105 CHS
- c. February 2nd Title X Internships, 12PM, Dean's Conference Room 16-059 CHS
- d. February 9th Southeast Asian Music, Dance and Food event to raise funds for Tsuanmi survivors, Ackerman Ballroom
- e. February 10th AIM MED lecture: Dr. Mitchell, 12PM, Dean's Conference Room
- f. February 24th RHIG General Body Meeting