

University of Oregon  
HEALTH CENTER  
**Student Health Advisory Committee Meeting**  
February 23, 2007

<b>Student Members:</b>	<b>Faculty:</b>	<b>Alternates</b>	<b>ExOfficio Members:</b>
<b>E</b> Chiem, Jennifer Kehdi, Norma	<b>E</b> Munroe, Dennis <b>E</b> Olson, Deborah	* Kurnert, Allison * Malasig, Cheryl	<b>E</b> Kerr, Shelly <b>E</b> DeHaven-Murdoch, Daralyn
* Ronco, Noelle Scholl, Ben	* Pangburn, Micheal * Russell, Chantelle	Marberry, Manisha <b>L</b> Mann, Todd	* Leith, Ramah <b>E</b> Megerssa, Becky
* Soetan, Folake		* Phillips, Ann	* Pressman, Ernie
<b>E</b> Stiffler, Lesley	<b>Guests:</b>	* Smith, Kaylie	* Ryan, Tom
* Straight, Leslie	* Davis, Kate	* Thrower, Ashley	* Staight, Paula
<b>E</b> Wintermute, Ben Wu, Angela	* Wee, Sarah	* Wee, Brett	

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m.

1. **Approval of Minutes** – The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as distributed.
2. **Announcements :**

UHC Grand Opening – Noelle reported that the date is absolutely set for March 9 at 4:00 p.m. There will be no SHAC meeting that day so everyone will be able to attend the event.

Vertical Circle at the Recreation Center tomorrow, Saturday.

The Dept of Music and Dance – A dance company from Korea will be performing traditional and modern pieces in Gerlinger Hall at 8:00 p.m. tonight. The troupe has been touring campus today. Lots of cultural events going on at the University!

1. **Sub-Committees Volunteers:**

- a) **International Coffee Hour** – The date for the second Friday in Spring term, March 13, 2006, has been confirmed by Angela Wu. The Counseling/Testing Center needs to be invited and the Health Education Peers need to be notified of the date. This is the same day as the OCHA conference here at the University, but the coffee hour will start after the OCHA Conference. There might not be a SHAC meeting that day with the other two events happening. Allison Kunerth and Kate Davis volunteered to word with Folake on this event. The coffee hour will be in the international student lounge.

Folake's ideas for the International Coffee Hour are:

Introduction – When the coffee hour starts SHAC and the Peer Health Advisors would introduce themselves and tell what they are all about.

Theme Tables – tables with information on the Health Center services and insurance with perhaps Debbie Alley present. Another table could have Travel information, such as travel medicine and documentation that would be staffed by someone from the Travel Clinic. The Peer Health Advisors have a board with services and insurance information on it and perhaps that could be used for the event. Folake will check with Ramah Leith regarding the information board they have, Debbie Alley to see if she would like to help and Sharon Harbert about someone from the Travel Clinic being present.

Survey – This would be a good way to get feedback from international students with survey questions which could help with what we do here at the Health Center.

- b) **Health Center In-service** – Ashley Thrower. Help will be needed for setting up, cleaning up, facilitating, and baking. Volunteering to help will be a good experience for leadership positions of chair or co-chair/project chair of the SHAC in coming years so it's time to step up to the plate and let Ashley know that you are interested.

Ashley already has representatives from Academic Advising, PARs, International Students, and the Men's Center, but is still waiting to hear back from the Women's Center.

3. **Insurance Brainstorm/Debate** - What does everyone think of mandatory insurance? This question will be a topic for the OCHA Meeting – What has changed regarding insurance in other schools since the discussion at the last OCHA meeting? We want/need to hear everyone's feelings on mandatory insurance and what the future may hold for the Health Center and the student insurance policy.

Comments/Discussion:

Mandatory insurance is a good idea with a waiver so students who have insurance have a choice.

Problem with having a waiver is that there may not be enough students purchasing the plan to get good rates.

The lower premium would be applied to everyone, but the problem is if you already have insurance, why do you need more? What will be interesting to look at as we go along is how much lower the premium would be if we could say every student in the OUS system bought the insurance. This could lead to a lot of students dropping off their family insurance because the cost would be much less. This plan could also be used as a secondary insurance.

A Parent's insurance only covers their children until age 23 or 24 if they are a full time student. If they are not a full time student they can not be covered after age 18 by a parent's insurance. However, even if not a full time student they can purchase the student insurance; as long as they are taking classes.

For some people with significant medical problems they can not get insurance in the public arena but can purchase it at school.

How does SHAC support the idea of mandatory insurance? This topic could be used as a break out session to discuss with other schools whether they would like to make it a requirement across all schools in the OUS system. Student insurance is already on the OCHA meeting agenda and Elizabeth Dickenson, from the OUS Chancellor's Office of Risk Management, will be speaking. Tom Ryan suggested Brian Corcoran and/or Debbie Alley also be invited to attend.

8. **OCHA Breakout Session** – Is SHAC interested in inviting SHACs/students from other schools to participate in a student section at the next OCHA meeting? There are several topics that students from other schools might be interested in discussing, such as insurance or a smoke free campus.

It would be a good idea to come up with a variety of topics to entice students from other schools. If we could come up with a series of topics for them to look at they may feel interested in discussing them at a student session. Possible discussion topics are:

Mandatory insurance

Smoke free campus.

Weekend Health Care Avenues. No schools in Oregon Health Centers are open on Sundays. How do we get the word out to freshmen and international students to make sure they are informed on how to take care of their health care needs when their Health Center is closed?

Surveying nonusers for health centers and how other schools do that. 40% of the students here do not use the Health Center each year. It would be helpful to find out why. If you do survey this population, how is it done? How do you reach out to those who don't use the Health Center?

Leslie and Noelle will email Paula Staight with these ideas to be sent out over the list serv to other schools to get a feel for interest. Any information on interest from other schools will be sent out via email through Kim Barker.

5. **Items Not on the Agenda:**

- a) At our next meeting Paula Staight will be doing a presentation about students working for a smoke free campus so SHAC can see what is being done.
- b) Sunday Closure Spring Term – There are Health Center ads in the ODE twice a week and the change in hours has been added to those ads, but this information needs to be more apparent so the ads will be changed to make it more noticeable. There will also be other full-page ads used to try to reach the students as well as posting the information on the Health Center web site, a news article about the Sunday closure in the Daily Emerald, information added to the newsletter to parents that the Office of Student Life sends out. The contract is in process for the online self care book guide. The information is also being made known to Housing, Student Life and other groups.

6. **Adjournment** – The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Kim Barker, Recorder

**\*\*Next Meeting\*\***

**March 2, 2007**

**Health Center Medical Library**