

**Allied Health Occupations Club  
MiraCosta College, Oceanside  
Meeting Minutes, 12pm-1pm  
9-6-06**

**UNOFFICIAL MINUTES- DRAFT**

Faculty Members present:

John Thomford (faculty advisor), Himgauri Kulkarni (faculty co-advisor), Judy Foster (Health Services), Keith Cunningham, (Dept of Biology), Marti Essman (director of LVN program, Dept of Health Occupations).

Student members present:

Melissa Hamilton, Lindsay Giolzetti, Elizabeth Sears-Wiley, Jeanette Sosnowski, Mieko Nanamiya, Karina Bedolla & ?

The meeting started off by the introduction of faculty and students. Then Dr. Thomford discussed the role and mission statement of the Allied Health Occupations Club (AHOC, formerly the Allied Health Occupations & Peer Educators Club – AHOPEC). He asked Judy Foster of Health Services if there would be any affiliation with the Peer Educators this year. Ms. Foster indicated that the Peer Educators program was not being run this year and possibly would return next year. Thomford then presented the club's constitution which was drafted and approved last fall. He described the roles of the leaders and asked for nominees. After this discussion and a few questions about these roles, volunteers were recruited for the leadership positions. All members ran unopposed and were voted in unanimously. The Allied Health Occupations Club chose Jeanette Sosnowski as the President, Elizabeth Sears-Wiley as the Budget Vice President, Melissa Hamilton as the Recording Vice President, Lindsay Giolzetti as the Public Relations Vice President and Elizabeth as a back up ICC Representative. [Thomford also appointed the interim/summer club president, Amanda Semrau, as co-V.P. of Public Relations. She and Lindsay will work closely to recruit speakers and arrange activities for the upcoming academic year.] The meeting then turned to discussing events and activities for the Allied Health Occupations Club such as guest speakers, volunteering for the health services on campus and blood drives on campus. The last subject discussed at the meeting was trying to change the date of our monthly meeting to accommodate nursing students who have class until 3pm on Thursdays. It was decided that we will try to provide some activities/guest speakers on Fridays in order to reach a broader audience and include the nursing students. The club will also try to plan a few activities on Thursdays at noon and possibly one evening activity.

Possible activities &/or involvement of the club this year:

- Assist in blood drives
- Assist in the annual Smoke Out (3<sup>rd</sup> Th of Nov.); try to get a guest speaker Respiratory Therapist/Respiratory Specialist to talk about effects of smoking on the Respiratory System.
- Organize a Holiday Poinsettia Sale to benefit Michaelle House and Fraternity House (hospices)
- Assist in the Health & Safety Fair

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- Recruit participants for the Disaster Drill (Sherry Bookman is the contact for the County Disaster Drill scheduled for Sept 14, as well as the State Disaster Drill scheduled for Nov. 15. Her phone number is 760-644-6964. She is anxious to get volunteers.
- Invite Admissions Specialists from local Nursing Schools (SDSU, CSUSM)
- Possibly invite guest speakers who represent fields of medicine such as Optometry, Medical Technology, Plastic Surgery, Traveling Nurse, Forensic Dentistry, Physician Assistant
- Organize a certified CPR class
- Organize a field trip to view an autopsy for students in the club who have completed or are taking the Human Anatomy course at MCC.

Prior to adjournment, Dr. Thomford indicated that he would get together with the newly elected officers to discuss plans for the activities and review the procedures for getting approval for activities.

No specific date was arranged for the next monthly organizational Club meeting; however, Thomford suggested continuing the tradition of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month from noon to 1pm.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:55pm.