Approval of the March minutes has been delayed due to a change in the process of posting the minutes to the OS Blog making them available for all OS members. Next month is the DOSA event which will push the approval of the March minutes to the June meeting.

Question of month: What is your favorite flower/tree that you see in bloom in the spring? This was a fun and lively discussion among the tables.

New OS employees – there did not appear to be any new members at this meeting and the representatives from the Welcoming Committee were not in attendance.

White Mountain Institute Speaker - Linda Upham-Bornstein presented and provided information about the White Mountain Institute. If anyone would like more information, please contact Linda at 535-3071 or via email at luphambornstein@plymouth.edu.

Tandem Health Advantage - Eve Oyer, Mary Gore and Amy Schwartz presented an overview of the why and how medical benefits are utilizing Tandem Health Advantage. Handouts were provided along with a power point presentation. Please take the time to view the website as it contains very useful information about this program. Tandem offers options for test and procedures through different providers. Lowering costs saves everyone monies that are not always necessary to spend. All providers that Tandem represents are Harvard pilgrim network providers. When your doctor orders a test or a procedure, call Tandem to find out the costs for that test/procedure with different providers in the area to ensure you are not paying too much. Tandem takes care of calling your doctor’s office and rescheduling to your choice. Tandem also handles the follow up paperwork, billing, etc. Money rewards for those that take advantage of this option are available but will be taxed as income accordingly. The full presentation provided at today’s meeting is included on the OS blog. Additional information can be found @ www.tandemcare.com. Emphasis placed on taking care of yourself to avoid future medical costs. Any questions on this program, please email Amy at Amy.schwartz@unh.edu or call her at 862-5099.

SJSOSSA - The student juried art selection for the SJSOSSA Award was a big success. Thanks to all who participated and voted on the student art selection for this process.

OS fund expenditures - There will be a new form for completion when a committee needs funds for a particular event or item. This will alleviate the surprise factor after monies are spent and then submitted for reimbursement. This form is in the works now and once finalized will be required prior to any funds being spent and will be reviewed and approved/denied by the Executive Counsel.

All OS staff Email – Note there was a change made to the All OS email to include the change from PSC to PSU. Please be sure to use this email address when sending to all OS: osstaff@listserv.plymouth.edu.

Electronic Nomination Ballot – This year the nomination and election process has gone electronic. Please take the time to participate and nominate yourself or someone you think would be a good fit for any selection. If you are more likely to nominate yourself or someone else using the paper process, they...
will be available throughout campus or from the Executive Committee. The Nomination Ballot will be available on the blog once it has been completed.

The DOSA Award Ceremony will be held on May 9, 2012 in the Heritage Room at 10:30 am. This award ceremony will take the place of our May OS meeting. We hope everyone can attend.

Fundraising & Scholarship raised $1,057 during the basket raffle with an additional $775 for the parking spot event! Thanks to everyone who participated.

50/50 Raffle - Nikki Nunes won!