Minutes for OBOC January 6 Meeting:

Present: Brandon Jett, Mary Ellen Schultz, Anne Angstrom, Don Ransford, Jason Calabrese, Joycellen Rollins, Juan Ginarte, Sabine Maetzke

* OBOC Speaker Series Events for Spring: NEED HELP WITH FLYERS
	+ Michael Philips in January 26th
		- Reserved J-103 and event runs from 6-7 p.m., live and via Zoom
		- Brandon created the Bucs Corner event
		- Mary Ellen will create a flyer by early next week
		- Joyce will pick Michael up from the airport and bring him to campus on Thursday

Michael Phillips former community college professor, was fired and filed a lawsuit against former employer, Collin College, for freedom of speech issues.

* + Entrepreneurship in SW FL on March 1st
		- 11:30 – 1:00 p.m., probably AA-105, live and via Zoom
		- Katie Rosenfels -equestrian line of clothing, hobby into a business
		- Jor’El Shustrin -mushroom farm, turned a hobby into a business
		- Brandon created Bucs Corner Event and submitted room reservation request
		- Juan will MC this event
		- Anne-suggests the event can be linked to IDS Capstone course, research involved to create the business, appeal to students in those classes
	+ Richard Blanco March 23rd (Thursday)
		- J-103 6-7 p.m., live and via Zoom
		- Brandon created Bucs Corner Event and submitted room reservation request
		- Brandi George will be asked to host the event
		- Reading, couple of questions, then open up to audience
		- Anne: Is bookstore promoting anything?
* Other Events:
	+ Juan working on a book chat: Goliath Usually Wins: On the Policy of Dissent
	+ Jason working on student contest to create something that captures the essence of David vs. Goliath.
		- Jason and Eric will work on ideas.
		- Sabine volunteered to be a contest judge.
		- Brandon suggested Jason should work with Rebecca and Gus, they agreed to help out with the contest.
	+ Sandy Towers will also host a few book chats about topic. Posted in Bucs Corner.

* Updates on OBOC transition
	+ Brandon will ask to be on January Faculty Senate agenda as informational item: OBOC transition to theme
	+ Need everyone to pitch in with creative ideas and work to push forward without funding or administrative support
	+ Difficult to plan a year’s worth of events without the funding in place. Difficult to plan without a guarantee of money to fund events/make contractual agreements with speakers.
	+ Joyce: Transitioning to a theme will make it easier to appeal to different schools and deans to support
	+ Sabine: Data collection also important to show impact, gain funding
	+ Brandon: Need to focus on doing a good job this semester to get that attention and show that OBOC is worthwhile.
	+ Don: Theme will allow for more appeal to community events, not just student events
	+ Brandon: Propose that we raise it as an info item to FS, then everyone in OBOC bring it up in department meeting and solicit ideas for a theme, get people involved, show inclusiveness.
	+ Sabine: Survey could ask for ideas
	+ Brandon: Survey is good, but would like a personal appeal by going to department meetings, inject some energy into faculty so that it’s clear we want participation and ideas.
	+ Don: Change the name, maybe not OTOC, maybe not college in the name. Change in the name might be good so that people know we are on a different track.
	+ Brandon: Goals remain the same, how to re-pitch ourselves, shift vs. big change?
	+ Joyce: Should we decide who wants to go where for department meetings?
	+ Brandon: FS in January, then go to School meetings in February to solicit ideas for a theme, encourage survey responses.
	+ Don will put together a survey by end of January.
	+ Then get the survey up and running maybe before we go to school meetings in Feb
		- Pure and Applied- Don
		- Business-David PIro
		- Health-?
		- School of Ed-Joyce and Anne
		- SAHSS-Jason
	+ We will ask for surveys to be submitted by March
	+ End of March announce new theme, then solicit ideas for speakers, events, books by end of semester