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