Minutes for OBOC March 3, 2023 Meeting:

OBOC Members: Gus Cameron, Brandon Jett, Mary Ellen Schultz, Anne Angstrom, David Piro, Debbie Teed, Don Ransford, Eric Ivy, Jason Calabrese, Joycellen Rollins, Juan Ginarte, Rebecca Harris, Sabine Maetzke

Present: Brandon Jett, Mary Schultz, Joyce Rollins, Don Ransford, Jason Calabrese, Sabine Maetzke, Eric Ivy, Rebecca Harris, Juan Carlos Ginarte, Anne Angstrom

* OBOC Speaker Series Events for Spring:
  + Entrepreneurship in SW FL on March 1st , 11:30-1:00 p.m.
    - Well attended in person, but mostly via Zoom
    - Juan Carlos Ginarte-well attended, students were engaged, presentation was interesting
    - Anne Angstrom-well aligned to book theme
  + Richard Blanco March 23rd (Thursday)
    - Brandon will ask David Piro to update previous flyer
    - Joyce will be fallback if David can’t do it
    - Don suggested promoting within local community-coffee shops, bookstores
    - Joyce suggested taking flyers to post in local businesses, etc.
    - Others-email blast to English faculty, invite FGCU faculty/staff
    - Joyce suggested we have an overflow Zoom room in case J-103 fills
    - Brandi George will introduce (and MC?)
* Other Events:
  + Juan Carlos Ginarte’s book chat coming up-Policing of Dissent
  + Details forthcoming
* OBOC Contest:
  + Jason/Eric-flyers have been handed out, submissions due soon
* Theme for next year
  + No pushback at school meetings, Joyce said it was good to share info face to face
  + Brandon-good way to remind people OBOC exists and to encourage participation
  + Survey results- about 12 responses
  + Sabine suggested Life, Liberty, and Pursuit of Happiness as a way to encapsulate various suggestions and also broad enough theme for all schools to integrate
* Next steps for theme
  + Anne, Brandon, Sabine will craft message with guiding questions. Anne will start Google doc, Sabine will write first draft to be shared with OBOC committee by Thursday.
  + OBOC Committee will make comments/feedback by Thursday, then these will be used to solicit (concrete) ideas from faculty during school/dept. meetings on Friday, Mar 10. Each person in OBOC Committee will address in schools and/or department meetings. Focus on ideas that have names and tangible ways to pursue them.
  + Don Ransford suggested we follow up with Qualtrics survey asking for concrete ideas.