OTOC Notes for November Meeting (November 15, 2024)

In Attendance: Brandon Jett, Eric Ivy, Jason Calabrese, Juan Ginarte, Sabine Maetzke, Laura Henning, Eddie Krzeminski, Mary Myers, Michael Demoran, Anna Ciamparella, Katie DeWall, Kari Sizemore, Heather Olson

Absent: Don Ransford, Eric Ivy

**Meeting Starts**: 12:03

Events:

1. Juan Carlos Recap

Brandon: Juan Carlos, how did your event go?

Juan Carlos: It went well. It was only an hour, so I didn’t get to cover everything. Let me show you what we went over.

*Juan shows the PowerPoint from the presentation.*

Juan Carlos: During the presentation, I covered the current landscape of AI, talked about misconceptions about AI, and discussed the growing landscape of AI, especially for fields like business, finance, etc. I also discussed some of the limitations of current AI. I showed tangible examples of these limitations, such as Chat GPT answering very obvious questions incorrectly.

Brandon: I hope the attendance was good for this event.

Juan Carlos: I would say somewhere between 50-70 people for this event.

1. Film Screenings of *Her* during International Ed Week
   1. November 18-22
   2. Brandon: Please encourage your students to attend! (poster in chat). If you have any questions let me know.
2. Select new theme:

Brandon: Was there anything that stood out to you for the themes that were submitted? We don’t have to go with their suggestions. Last year we used a combination of different submissions.

Laura: I liked a few of them. I liked the Power of Storytelling. This could apply to a lot of disciplines.

Mary: My staff loved that one too.

Anna: I agree. I do like that one. Personally, I could present something on that theme and do an event. It also might work well with our student population.

Laura: I also think storytelling relates to how a lot of our students use social media.

Joyce: I think this theme also could connect to some of the other themes submitted. For instance, restoring the power of connection could fall under the Storytelling theme. It could allow almost everyone to participate equally.

Anna: I agree. It is often difficult to get students to talk and this could help with that.

Michael: I also like the Storytelling one and agree with Joyce’s points.

Brandon: Heather, did we get any feedback from SGA?

Heather: No, I didn’t get any response from them.

Juan Carlos: It’s not my favorite topic but I won’t object to it.

Brandon: I put in the “death” theme so that was my personal choice.

Joyce: We can explore that theme through the storytelling theme. Perhaps we should narrow it to the Power of Story.

Heather: There’s nothing we can’t do with this topic.

Brandon: This might be one way for us to bring SGA into this and we can try the Ted Talk idea that was previously brought up.

Heather: We could have a conference of sorts based on the theme. We could have storytellers and students could ask them questions.

Brandon: There was an art installation in NYC that had a similar concept.

Joyce: This could also be a way for faculty to tell their stories. Students often see us just in one way.

Heather: We might also work with local storytelling groups.

Brandon: We could link it with the art gallery. Stuart Brown and the folks at Illuminations could also explore this theme.

Heather: Marketing would love this theme. Even students could tell their stories.

Brandon: That sounds good. I had planned to get marketing involved in the Spring.

Brandon: So, to recap: we like the Power of Story.

Brandon: Thank you all for the submissions.

1. Final Thoughts:

Brandon: We will not have a December meeting, but I am fairly sure we will have a January meeting. I hope you all have a lovely Thanksgiving break and Holiday if I don’t see you before then. Check out International Ed week. Let’s support our colleagues! Good luck with Finals.

Have a lovely weekend.

**Meeting Ends**: 12:31 P.M