GDI Meeting Notes 3/28

Took notes: Richard

1. JBrielle talking to Owen people – they are interested in participating
   1. Brielle talked to leaders
   2. Law students have focused on gender issues
2. Should we be making sure to get more representation from more groups?
   1. GSC will find it harder to justify funding if it becomes more and more inclusive of professional student bodies
   2. Maybe ask professional bodies to contribute funding to committee to help, if they decide to participate?
   3. Is this meant to be council of organizations or an advocacy group? Maybe have graduate student version of MLC?
   4. Important to have people have at the table
   5. Maybe revisit after semester ends since we have only a month left
   6. Problem is that many people are gone over the summer, maybe organize this at end or beginning or summer
   7. Point is that this is not a question that we’re able to decide right now
3. There is a wellness committee – Erica has been nominated to be on the committee
4. Hidden Dores Mini-Week is happening - circulate Hidden Dores flyer on our stuff
5. Processing town hall
   1. Others were surprised by how many grad and professional students that came out to participate – hopefully this will show them that grad student voices matter and that we have unique needs
   2. Medical school had their town hall separately
   3. Lots of critical things discussed at the town hall
   4. Probably good that a lot of invitations were distributed through personal connections, this is a lesson moving forward
   5. Need to adjust expectations for change to account for graduate student timelines
   6. People benefited from hearing from other people
   7. People should be more explicit about what they are looking for generally, and we were able to do this successfully – this was helpful for us on the flyer
   8. Need to make sure that people get attribution for their work
   9. Got some feedback through the form, need to get feedback to committee since they are writing right now
      1. Should we leave it open indefinitely? Maybe change language to make it more of a permanent resource
      2. Would have liked to get more but what we got was still useful
6. Reviewing our committee and the goals
   1. Originally running committee as pilot and discussing with GSC moving forward
   2. We’ve done pretty well on all of our goals
   3. Haven’t done as much with the medical school; they already have an infrastructure to address diversity issues
   4. We don’t have any connection with the nursing school, we can reach out to them through various contacts that we all have
   5. Email listserv – there aren’t any easy ideas, summary: AnchorLink is difficult
      1. Do people want to be a registered student organization to ease logistics?
      2. Maybe people should wait until next year when we see new people
      3. We need to think this year about how to do next year
      4. Maybe make list of grad/prof organizations with diversity focus and think about how to reach out to them intentionally
      5. Maybe contact Don Brunson for advice, he has managed to get names
   6. Would have been good to have another social people to come together
      1. Maybe send more people to OBGAPS event
      2. Not able to have our own event because we are all busy and it is a hectic time of year for all organizations