

DiC Minutes

Wed, Nov 13

1-1:30pm

Gigi Fiumerodo, Fernando Salinas, Mariana Branda, Raquel de los Santos, Peter Sezzi

Gigi shared some ideas that have come in so far. She also shared about the possibility of having Reyna Grande be our big-name speaker on the Zoom day (Wed, April 9). Mariana had a question about the book *The Distance Between Us*. Peter shared that the Library has plenty of copies for semester-length loan. Maybe have Professional Development or the VC Foundation help support this speaker.

Fernando talked about finding funding (possibly from the College President) about printing more books in the future. Maybe work on getting the poetry slam in printed form. Fernando asked if he can start working on securing the poetry workshop leaders.

Gigi shared that the College President wanted more support on outreach but it is unclear where that funding would come from.

Discussion about the status of next meeting. It was agreed that we continue with the meeting in Dec and those that can meet can pop in to give updates. But the bulk of the work will occur in Spring.

Raquel shared about a workshop that she / Career Center wants to host on Cultural Capital workshop that she would like to have during the Festival. Career Center can possibly provide some funding.

Gigi shared an overview of the things that the Festival provides and how it dovetails with the events that Raquel wants to share.

Fernando mentioned how about inviting local non-profits to do tabling and booths at the Festival. Fernando shared about how the Day of the Dead Festival provided some free food if you participated at a certain level.

Should we have a theme for the poetry slam? Should we have an overall theme for this year's Festival?

Gigi shared that "Roots of Belonging" theme served us well. Peter suggested the (former) US official motto, "Out of Many, One". Mariana suggested the "Many Faces of Diversity". Gigi shared that making it very participatory. We have a greater impact if you get involved in events, rather than just being a participant.

Gigi asked Raquel who would be the point of contact for some of the events she suggested. Sounds like it would be in-house from the Career Center (she and Andrea).

Raquel shared that Wed, April 9 is the major career expo on campus. Around 200-250 recruiters, about 500 students participate.