GADE Network Structure
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Purpose: To give a more formal structure for Networking among Doctoral Programs with similar programmatic interests. This is designed to be flexible to meet the changing nature of higher education, and Networks can be formed and dissolved annually.

Network Types: GADE members are the universities – so we envision that these are related to doctoral program administration, such as program types, delivery methods, size of university/program, location of university, etc.

1) Establishing a Network
   a. Send a letter to GADE President with a Name and a 100-150 word description of the Network's area of interest. The description must be detailed enough so that GADE members can ascertain whether it's of interest to join.
   b. Must have a minimum of 5 GADE members with established interest.
   c. Must have established a process for rotating Network leadership democratically
   d. Must have established a process for communication between Network Members (listserv, Facebook Group, WhatsAPP group etc.)
   e. Must be open to all GADE members, and GADE membership is required for joining

2) To Remain a Network, Must meet 5 Criteria each year
   a. At least 5 GADE members are part of the Network. Must maintain a list of Network members.
   b. Holds at least one additional Formal real-time meeting
   c. Open to any GADE member with interest
   d. Holds Network meeting at GADE Annual Conference
   e. Provide one new resource for inclusion on the GADE Website (as approved by marketing committee)
   f. Reports annually on network with written report to GADE Board discussing activities and current members, and update at GADE Annual Conference

3) Benefits to Starting a Network
   a. Formal structure for GADE members to meet with directors of similar programs during the year
   b. Space in the GADE Annual Conference program for meeting
   c. Place to put up resources on GADE Website relevant to Network members (as approved by marketing committee)

d. Can provide GADE Board consultation as needed