Lelia's Negotiation Cheat Sheet



PREPARATION: Strategies for Before You Negotiate

- 1. Identify Your Goals
 - What is your position? (What's the best way you can think to resolve the negotiation?)
 - What is your interest? (What's your underlying goal or motivation?)
- 2. Research the Situation and Use Precedent to Your Advantage
 - What do you know about the context of your negotiation?
- 3. Do a Little Detective Work to Get to Know Your Counterpart
 - What motivates them? How do they like to receive information?
- 4. Know Your Alternatives
 - What's your Plan B (best single alternative)?
- 5. Practice, Practice, Practice
 - Is there specific language you'd like to practice?

PRESENCE: Strategies for During the Negotiation

- 6. Time Your Negotiation Strategically
 - How will you know you're ready to start the negotiation?
 - What Red Light Language could you use to stop the negotiation?
- 7. Start with Easy Wins
 - Where is there already agreement?
- 8. Ask Questions
 - What questions do you have for your counterpart? (Come with at least 3.)
 - What questions might they have for you?
- 9. Listen
 - What active listening phrases do you like best? Ex: "What I'm hearing you say is... Is that right?"
- 10. Expand the Pie
 - How can you make an agreement that's as mutually beneficial as possible?

PERSPECTIVE: Strategies for Navigating Your Emotions

- 11. Maintain Perspective and Keep Branch Walking to a Minimum
 - Where can you get support? What tools or people can help bring you back to the trunk of the tree?
- 12. Practice Self-Compassion for Fun and Profit
 - What do the following strategies sound like for you in this situation?
 - o Self-kindness (Ex: May I give myself the compassion that I need.)
 - o A sense of common humanity (Ex: Everything I'm feeling is normal.)
 - o Mindfulness (Ex: This is a moment of suffering.)
- 13. Play to Your Strengths and Try It On
 - What are your strengths as a negotiator?
 - How do you want to show up for this negotiation?