

**ELITE RV Workgroup Meeting Minutes**  
**November 12, 2020**

**Attendees:** Angela Lanier, Michele Knight, Carlos Molina, Niyati Pandya

1. Update on new Professional Development Manager
  - Angela announced that the new Professional Development Manager, Paul Miller, started Nov. 3. We will be hearing more about him and his work in the coming weeks.
2. Discuss sign language workshop proposal
  - The group reviewed the proposal for a sign language workshop. The proposer wants to offer this as a class that meets bi-weekly. At Mike Mills' suggestion we have asked her to start with a single workshop to gauge interest first. Work group members gave suggestions about what would be most useful in a single session. Angela will share the suggestions with the proposer and schedule the workshop for spring. Some ideas included:
    - An awareness of deaf culture
    - Practice with a few common words or phrases
    - Information about the role of sign language interpreters in the classroom
    - Strategies for working with deaf students or employees in a virtual setting
3. January Professional Day Update
  - January professional day will be Thursday, January 21. ELITE will host two panels in the morning addressing the topics of teaching in a 7-week session and managing conversations around social justice.
  - Additional workshops can be scheduled for the afternoon. We need to send information for those workshops as soon as possible to Angela, who will forward to Paul Miller to coordinate the schedule.
  - Niyati will talk to the library staff about any workshops that they want to offer for Professional Day and get back to us as soon as possible.
4. Update on MC Learns and new PD system
  - Angela shared information about the MC Learns migration to a new system and reminded everyone that they will only have access to MC Learns through Dec. 5 and access to the new system when we return from winter break. Any new workshops will be added to the new system at that time.
5. Upcoming events/workshops
  - We reviewed the ELITE online calendar for upcoming workshops.
  - Carlos suggested a workshop to address one of the Equity and Inclusion goals for serving minority males in the classroom. Angela suggested Culturally Responsive

Teaching since the College has offered workshops on this topic. Michele shared info about the Creating Inclusive Classrooms pathway, which began fall 2019. Angela will follow up with Carolien Annink, who coordinates that pathway, to see if ELITE plans to offer any of those workshops soon.

## **6. Questions/Other Business**

**Next Meeting:** Monday, December 7, 2pm