

**CAST MEETING -
MINUTES from SEPT 18**

Present: Cleopatra, Amelia, Mars, Shayle, Alicia(taking minutes)

1. SHAYLE will check in with ALICIA about someone who wanted to give us books for the library. Robert also just gave us a bunch of books. ALICIA will categorize them. ALICIA will also look into the system for categorizing library books on an online database.

2. AMELIA is going to rent a locker on the fifth floor for CAST.

3. What do we think about having a waffle breakfast? Sometimes not the best use of resources. People are between classes and it is a weird time of year. Could we do some other morning event instead of the waffle breakfast? - We might think about it for later in the semester, but for now will table planning a breakfast event.

4. Recap of TDEV potluck: Event was framed as a friendship potluck but went very abruptly into heavy convos that many folks might not have felt prepared to have. How do we make safer spaces where we make sure everyone is consenting to having these important but difficult conversations? CAST wants to make space for people to address some of the difficult interpersonal power dynamics which can arise when doing theatre - especially thinking about power between students and teachers as well as between peers. Sometimes these conversations come up but are unfairly dismissed as being inevitable in the work, leaving valid concerns unaddressed.

Would love to hold space for people who want to debrief about the potluck or other more general concerns/anxieties as to dynamics within the department. Some folks on CAST feel equipped to hold space for active listening and peer support - the event could be framed as a place where everyone, especially first years, can come for support and to air grievances. We could also encourage mentors and mentees to meet up at this event. It should be an event that people can drop in and out of so that it feels less stressful/committal. Let's frame it as a cozy and casual event.

Date to be confirmed, but looks like Tuesday September 29 at 12:00-2:00 in 7.401. There will be some overlaps, but all CAST members can be present at some point. CLEO will book the room. We can go to PROD 211 and tell the first years about the event.

5. What's the deal with the Dean of Students form? AMELIA and MARS need to talk so that they can do stuff for FASA before Sept 25. How do we get in touch with FASA? Folks will meet monday morning and prepare the application. CAST will have to present our arguments for the increased funding at the FASA GM on September 28.

6. Note to remember the plan to have a basic Anti-Oppression type workshop for PROD 211. Let's bring this up at a faculty meeting. It's important! This is both an initiative from CAST as well as from the Equity Committee.

7. Department meetings are the first Friday of every month at 2:00 PM. Jen is going to send an email to confirm this. Ted also wants us to sometimes come to full-time faculty meetings which are Tuesday afternoons, 1:30-4:30. It would be nice if all of CAST could go to the department meetings to encourage good communication.

8. AMELIA brought up talking about student movement/strike/anti-austerity actions/etc. Let's talk about this at an upcoming meeting so that we can have a proactive structure for talking about these things, if it becomes relevant. Let's check in with what ASSÉ/other student mobilizers are saying about this.

9. We skyped NED for moral support and warm fuzzies. Halifax is beautiful. His study is red and also beautiful. He's coming back October 28 and wants to know if we are gonna have a cabaret but isn't planning on coming. We met ELLIOT the cat. There are other animals in his life, too. NED is making a new pirate flag design based on a gravestone. He's gonna make pirate patches at a screenprinting workshop.

10. CAST will incorporate more astrology into our governing structures. Maybe we will have astrology check ins at meetings to know what is in retrograde so that we can adjust accordingly. Is Scorpio/Gemini oppression for real? What's the deal with queers and astrology? Mercury just went into retrograde yesterday, which explains a lot about this week.

11. Noah wants to have someone in to give a voice coach workshop and wants CAST to help find times because we are "in" with the "kids". CLEO is going to follow up on this - probably just a matter of booking studios and making a FB event.

12. CLEO is going to match up mentors and mentees. MARS will send her the info for the CAST email/it's on the computer in the office.

13. CASE - Concordia Association for Students in English - got in touch about wanting a combo event with us? They got in touch over the summer. We will table this for now and talk about it at a future meeting. ALICIA is also awaiting a call-out from Edwin on FASA for a performance event week at the VAV, which he wants us to promote over our networks.

14. Some folks are away next Friday. SHAYLE will send a doodle to see when we can meet.