SCE Production Cheat Sheet

What	When	Scheduler	Who Attends	Description
Script order & SM name due	(end of prior semester)	Prod. Mgr.	Producer	Producer sends SM name, preferred script edition & quantity needed, so PM can orders& enroll SMs.
Top-of-Sem SCE Meeting	First week of the semester	Dept. Chair / Prod. Mgr.	1-2 Faculty Producer, SM	Explanation of production protocols, including scheduling, budgets, rehearsal policies, reports, etc.
TD Check-In Meeting	during 1 st two weeks of class	TD / Producer	Producer Director TD/ATD	Informal check-in to discuss production logistics, available materials, Big List, etc.
Drama Draft	weekend after 1 st week of classes	Producers	Producer Director SM, to facilitate	Each semester's producers organize, publicize, and run their own Draft—including scheduling spaces, choosing sides, creating & distributing posters, and planning callbacks. A faculty member ("the commissioner") will attend the final casting session.
Contact Sheets due	6pm on the Tuesday after Drama Draft			Producer must send <i>complete</i> contact sheet to Prof. Eckelman; list all confirmed company members, including SMs, designers, cast, & crew
Production Orientation Workshops	Sunday after 2 nd week of classes	Production Manager	Designers Producers (SMs encouraged)	Basic orientation to systems and procedures for scenery, costumes, props, lighting, & sound.
First Rehearsal	6 weeks before Load-In	Producer / SM	Producer Cast Creative Team (Director, Designers, Dramaturg, Coaches, AD, SMs)	6 weeks of rehearsal does not include Fall Break, Thanksgiving, Spring Break, or other official college closures; see Production Calendar for dates; SM should send a rehearsal report after every rehearsal.
Design Concept Meeting	1-3 weeks before Design Presentation	Producer	Prof. Eckelman Producer Director Designers	Informal discussion of design approach; intended to help creative team articulate & clarify ideas, solve problems, and prepare for 1-Month Design Presentation.
TD Design Meeting	At least one week before Design Presentation	Producer	TD/ATD Producer Director Scenic Designer	Informal discussion of scenic design, including furniture & building needs.
1-Month Design Presentation	4 weeks before Opening	Production Manager	All Faculty & TD/ATD Producer Director (Creative Team invited)	Presentation of all production design aspects. A scale groundplan is required. Other design materials (sketches, research, sound clips, etc.) are strongly encouraged.
Invited Run-Through	2-3 weeks before Opening	Producer sends 2-4 options; faculty chooses	1 Faculty Member Producer Director SM Cast	Aim for 2 nd -4 th run-through (not 1 st); Actors must be off-book; Discussion afterwards w/faculty & director; No later than Wednesday before Load-In
Poster ideas to Graphic Designer	2-3 weeks before Opening	Graphic Designer	Producer	Producer sends ideas & images, collaborates on design. Once a solid draft is ready, faculty gives feedback until final version is approved.

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Work Calls	week before Load-In (or earlier)	Producer, in consultation w/ TD & PM	Producer / SM Director / Set Designer THE400	Producer coordinates schedule w/TD & PM; Producer must take attendance for each day.
Pickup Prop Cabinet Keys	during week before Load-In			Director, SM, ASM, & Props Master may each sign out a key from the Production Manager
Program Materials due to Graphic Designer	1 week before Opening	Graphic Designer	Producer	Producer sends company list (with class years), director's note & headshot, performance rights language, setting, run time, etc. Faculty gives feedback until final version is approved.
Load-In	Sunday before Opening 9am-11pm	Producer w/ TD	Full Company Majors, minors, & friends	Coffee & doughnuts encouraged; Producer must take attendance.
Profs' Night	Run-Through 5pm, Monday before Opening	Production Manager	2-3 Faculty Full Company	Full run in theatre with all design elements; Producer announces anything missing or incomplete; house lights @ 10%.
	Discussion immediately afterwards		2-3 Faculty Producer Director	Discussion of run-through; faculty provides snacks.
Final Rehearsal	Thursday before Opening	Producer	Full Company	This rehearsal is closed unless otherwise announced. The Producer is responsible for making any & all invitations. Photographs will be taken.
Performances	Fri & Sat at 7:30pm		Full Company Open Audience	SM should send report after each performance.
Strike	immediately after final performance	TD	Full Company THE400	All scenery disassembled; furniture, costumes, & props returned; lighting & sound systems restored; floor swept & repainted (as needed); Producer must take attendance.
Production Wrap-Up	during week after closing	Producer	Eckelman Producer	Review of items due: prop cabinet lock & keys; typed final budget & receipts (template on website), attendance from work calls, load-in, strike. (If possible, submit materials electronically.)
Post-Mortem	1 week after Opening	Production Manager	3-4 Faculty Producer	Formal discussion of production, including process & product; student must provide food (hot breakfast is encouraged)
Full Thesis Draft due	2 weeks after Post-Mortem			Producer sends full draft to faculty reader.
Final Thesis due	last day of Spring classes			Once thesis has been approved, student sends final version to faculty reader, Dept Chair, and Library (<u>SCE@washcoll.edu</u>)