

MCL Committee Meeting – Minutes

January 6, 2023

10 – 11 a.m.

CP303 / Zoom

Attendance

Voting Faculty: Zoe Barsness, Sergio Davalos, Bryan Goda

Non-Voting Faculty and Staff: DC Grant, Victoria Olive, Rachel Crook

Items

1) Approve minutes from 12.9.22 meeting

Moved: S. Davalos

Seconded: Z. Barsness

Eligible to vote: 4 (1 voting faculty member on sabbatical)

3 in favor, 0 against, 0 abstain

2) Report from Advisor

The Graduate Advisor has been meeting with students weekly to assist with their application processes and to ensure that they have all the resources they need to successfully submit before the first deadline. The Advisor has noticed a shift in this application cohort, specifically in their willingness to make the effort to ensure that they have all the prereqs prior to applying. This group seems to be very eager and excited to apply. The Advisor has scheduled several information sessions for MCL, the application process, and SFS Scholarship for Service. These sessions have been well attended so far.

3) Info on current class

This item will be discussed in a future meeting.

4) Admissions

So far, 8 students have deferred to autumn 2023 admission. 14 applications have been submitted, and 88 have started their application but haven't yet submitted. The Chair requested that the Advisor send out a bi-weekly update to the committee as the deadline approaches, so that everyone is kept up to date.

- The early decision/early admission deadline is January 30th
- Priority deadline is March 10th
- Final Deadline is April 15th

5) Planning on a larger cohort

The committee discussed the various concerns around expanding to a second cohort – specifically, staffing issues within Milgard and faculty bandwidth. Since we are already planning to expand the cohort size this year, and APCC's schedule restraints, some committee members feel that we are not yet ready to start planning for a second cohort. Ideally, we'd like to see the application pool doubled (~120) in order to justify a second cohort.

The committee discussed this in depth, and decided to wait to see what the final application numbers are for the first deadline (Jan. 30) before making a concrete decision.