

MCL Committee Meeting – Minutes

March 31, 2023

11 a.m. – 12 p.m.

CP 303 / Zoom

Attendance

Voting Faculty: Yan Bai, Zoe Barsness, Bryan Goda

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

Items

1) Advisor/Recruiter Updates on Admission

The first round of admissions decisions went out 3/30, and many have already accepted their admission offer (around 8 total have accepted and paid deposits). The advisor has noticed that there is an increase of diverse applicants/admits this year, which is great. 24 students have been sent admissions offers so far, and there are only around 8 incomplete applications waiting to be submitted (the advisor will reach out to these students individually).

The committee discussed potentially offering this program in a different modality to accommodate those who are out of state and interested in applying to MCL. This will require a major program change, and the committee would like to host a meeting with all MCL faculty to discuss this.

2) Hooding

This year, we are doing an all-SET Graduate hooding instead of an MCL-only hooding. This event will take place on June 10th at 2 p.m. in WPH.

3) MCL Course Change

We finally received approval from the Curriculum Committee and the Graduate School for our significant curriculum change (splitting capstone course into 2 courses, and change existing courses in spring and

winter from 5 credits to 4) – these changes will apply in the 2024-25 Academic Year. We can update our website now so that future applicants are aware of this change.

4) New Cohort Orientation / Orientation Planning

This was really successful last year, and was a great way to inform students of expectations and prepare them for their first quarter. The committee discussed different dates/times that will work best for them to attend – the advisor will work with SET’s event coordinator to find a room that will best accommodate this orientation.