



Minutes from June 7th, 2016 (4:00 pm /Meeting Room, Grad Club)

Attendance

Matthew Fox	President, VP Finance, Senate Observer, University Research Board (URB) Rep., Department of Medical Biophysics, Robarts Research Institute	X
Baraa Al-Khazraji	Vice-President Internal, Outreach Coordinator, School of Kinesiology, Faculty of Health Sciences	X
Jiro Inoue	Vice-President External, CAPS Representative, Robarts Research Institute	X
Andrea Di Sebastiano	Vice-President Communications, Webmaster, Department of Clinical Neurological Sciences	Regrets
Ming Wu	Secretary, Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering	X
Blake Butler	Department of Physiology & Pharmacology	X
Kalin Penev	Department of Chemical and Biochemical Engineering	-
Jessica Esseltine	Schulich Anatomy and Cell Biology	X
Emma Holmes	Brain and Mind Institute	Regrets
Lauren Solomon	Department of Microbiology and Immunology	X
S. Amanda Ali	Health Studies, Faculty of Health Sciences	X
Yan Yan	Department of Computer Science	-
Kyle Paradis	School of Kinesiology, Faculty of Health Sciences	-
Kaitlin Laidlaw	Webmaster, Brain and Mind Institute	X

1. Ratification of the Minutes from the previous meetings

Passed

2. Ratification of the Agenda

Passed

3. Announcements/Introduction of new members/Attendance

Welcome to Kaitlin, the new webmaster for PAW.



4. Postdoc appreciation week (Andrea/Amanda)

We will start organising the events earlier. We will have fewer events but better advertise them so they are better attended.

5. PAW swag and budget (Amanda)

The PAW promotional material has been organised (including payment), so this is in progress.

6. Access to Columbia Employee Store (Ming)

Ming will get back to Columbia to arrange this. We'll use the staff card as our membership card. Columbia will allow PAW access for July 25 to Aug 28 2016 and again in winter for Nov 14 to Dec 18. Closer to the time, Ming will email postdocs about how to take advantage of this offer.

7. CAPS (Jiro) / NPA (Matt)

CAPS still has 1 open position remaining. If interested, please contact Jiro. VP-external Jessica will join CAPS and attend future meetings.

NPA will be in March 2017 and submissions will likely be due in September 2016. We should start preparations soon for our submission (possibly a poster, for example on what our group does or how the mentoring program is going).

8. Thank you gift for Mihaela (Andrea/Matt)

Matt collected donations for Mihaela's gift and circulated the thank you card. Andrea will get a gift when she is back and give it to Mihaela on behalf of the 2015-2016 exec.

9. New Business / Open Forum

We thank the 2015-2016 executive for their hard work and dedication, and welcome the 2016-2017 executive.

The postdoc happy hour social will be on June 9th 2016, 4.30pm, at the Grad Club.

The next PAW meeting will be on July 5th 2016, 4pm, at the Grad Club meeting room.