



Minutes from April 4th, 2017 (4:00 pm / Meeting Room, Grad Club)

Attendance

Andrea Di Sebastiano	President, Senate Observer, Department of Clinical Neurological Sciences	X
Baraa Al-Khazraji	Vice-President Internal, Outreach Coordinator, School of Kinesiology, Faculty of Health Sciences	X
Jessica Esseltine	Vice-President External, CAPS Representative, Schulich Anatomy and Cell Biology	X
Kyle Paradis	Vice-President Finance, School of Kinesiology, Faculty of Health Sciences	-
Nicole Novielli	Vice-President Communications, Department of Anatomy and Cell Biology	X
Ming Wu	Secretary, Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering	X
Kaitlin Laidlaw	Webmaster, Brain and Mind Institute	Regrets
Natalie Kozyrev	Mental health and wellness representative, Robarts Research Institute	Regrets
Kate Parham	Tax representative, Department of Microbiology and Immunology	-
Blake Butler	University Research Board (URB) Rep., Department of Physiology & Pharmacology	Regrets
Ian Kalman	Department of Political Science	-
Emma Holmes	Brain and Mind Institute	-
Lauren Solomon	Department of Microbiology and Immunology	X
Katherine Kasper	Department of Microbiology and Immunology	X
Jahirul Mazumder	Department of Chemical Engineering	-
Mariano Avino	Department of Pathology	-

1. Ratification of the Minutes from the previous meetings

Passed

2. Ratification of the Agenda

Passed



3. Announcements/Introduction of new members/Attendance

None

4. Research Forum (Andrea//Kaitlin)

We need to promote the Postdoc Research Forum on as many channels as possible as we have had very few registrants so far. Exec members should also distribute around their department (eg through their department mailing list).

Lauren has drawn up a draft poster for the 'Science is beautiful' competition. She will distribute it around the group for comments and contact Mihaela about the best way to have the competition. The poster should also be advertised on Facebook and website.

If not already done, it'd be good to show a short bio for the panellists on the (SGPS) website about the Research Forum. One of our organisers will action that.

5. Roundtable workshop (Andrea/Ming)

We have had 14 people (as of Tuesday April 4) registering for the roundtable on science communication and social media, after opening it up to also grad students.

Andrea will contact Carolyn Patterson Grants from Research, Development, and Services to hold the next roundtable on Persuasive Grant Writing. If anyone has any other ideas for another roundtable we can discuss that too.

6. PAW elections (Ming)

A reminder that the elections for the PAW executive committee is on now and nominations close April 13. Ming has not received any nominations yet so continued promotion on as many channels as possible would be good.

Ming is stepping down as Secretary at the end of April, so Jessica will step in as a temporary replacement if there is no nominee for Secretary.

7. Year-end event (Andrea)

We will hold a year-end breakfast/lunch/social. This was suggested to be on Wednesday May 17th at the Grad Club. We should take this as an opportunity to do a survey of the postdocs again and determine how we did this year, give out PAW swag and recruit people for the exec if needed. Kyle needs to finalise the budget, before this can be confirmed.



Postdoctoral Association at Western

8. PSAC bargaining (Katherine)

As per PSAC's email, PSAC and Western University were unable to reach an agreement and have gone to Conciliation. PSAC is still focused on achieving a good deal for postdocs.

There is a vacancy on the PSAC bargaining committee. If interested, please contact Katherine Kasper (kkasper@uwo.ca).

9. New Business / Open Forum

The next PAW meeting will be on June 6th 2017, 4pm, at the Grad Club meeting room.

There was no URB meeting so no updates.

London Health Research Day

About 55 people attended the PAW workshop at the London Health Research Day, with this being the most attended workshop of the day. The panel session went well with lots of discussion and good engagement of the graduate students present. Thank you to the organisers and panelists.