



Postdoctoral Association at Western

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

Attendance

Jessica Esseltine	President, CAPS Representative, Schulich Anatomy and Cell Biology	X
Baraa Al-Khazraji	Vice-President Internal, Outreach Coordinator, School of Kinesiology, Faculty of Health Sciences	-
Kyle Paradis	Vice-President Finance, School of Kinesiology, Faculty of Health Sciences	-
Nicole Novielli	Vice-President Communications, Department of Anatomy and Cell Biology	X
John Kelly	Vice-President Communications, Department of Anatomy and Cell Biology	X
Brittany Balint	Secretary, Department of Anatomy and Cell Biology	-
Kaitlin Laidlaw	Webmaster, Brain and Mind Institute	-
Natalie Kozyrev	Mental health and wellness representative, Robarts Research Institute	X
Kate Parham	Tax representative, Department of Microbiology and Immunology	X
Blake Butler	University Research Board (URB) Rep., Department of Physiology & Pharmacology	-
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	-
Jahirul Mazumder	Department of Chemical Engineering	X
Mariano Avino	Department of Pathology	-

1. Ratification of the Minutes from the Previous meeting

Passed

2. Ratification of the Agenda

Passed

3. Announcements/introduction of new members/attendance

None

4. Postdoctoral Appreciation week: September 18-22 (John/Jessica)



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John (VP communications) will be taking the lead on organizing events for this week, but we should bounce ideas around as a group.

John has contacted Mihaela to discuss appreciation week and is waiting to hear back from her.

In lieu of low attendance previous years at yoga and soccer, Natalie will look into a different Wellness activity to host during appreciation week and will get back to PAW with some ideas.

John would like to host a pubcrawl during appreciation week

Lauren has agreed to be the captain for the Terry Fox Run

John will contact the Western recreation center to ensure that postdocs get free access to their facilities during appreciation week

Lauren suggested looking into a painting night at the Grad Club as a possible social activity

We need to decide what sort of career workshop we will host during appreciation week. Current ideas can be found in the google doc.

5. PAW Annual General Meeting (Jessica)

The AGM will be held sometime during appreciation week. Jessica will liaise with Mihaela regarding planning and budgetary considerations. Jessica will circulate the postdoc survey to PAWactive a few weeks before the AGM for any changes.

6. Roundtable discussions (John)

John has contacted Greg Vilks about hosting a roundtable discussion on the topic of intellectual property. He is waiting to hear back about potential dates.

If we cannot get Greg, we will ask World Discoveries for assistance finding another host (possibly Lisa Cechetto, executive director).

Natalie mentioned that WorldDiscoveries has recently hosted several IP/patent workshops for all Western staff and students, which filled up quickly, so it is likely that a postdoc-specific roundtable or workshop will be well-received.

Lauren suggested a roundtable for entrepreneurs, and will look into UnLondon as a possible host.

7. PAW Google Doc for ideas regarding postdoctoral events, etc. (Jessica)



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Jessica sent the Google Doc out to PAW, so start adding ideas about potential workshops, roundtables, and anything else PAW-related!

8. PSAC local bargaining Team Update (Katherine/Jahirul)

Katherine sent out an update on the collective bargaining which Jahirul expanded upon at the meeting.

9. Postdoc Vacancies on University Committees (Nicole)

Nicole will send out an email to postdocs about all current committee vacancies with brief descriptions of each committee. We will try to fill the vacancies before September.

10. PAW Swag (John)

John has been looking into ordering SWAG with the leftover funds from last years budget. Jessica will contact Mihaela to get detailed information about the budget and available funds.

11. Next PAW Meeting

The next PAW meeting will be on August 15th 2017, 4pm, at the Grad Club meeting room.