



Postdoctoral Association at Western

Minutes from October 3rd, 2017 (4:00 pm / Meeting Room, Grad Club)

Attendance

Jessica Esseltine	President, CAPS Representative, Schulich Anatomy and Cell Biology	X
Nicole Novielli	Vice-President Internal, Department of Anatomy and Cell Biology	X
Natalie Kozyrev	Vice-President External, Mental Health and Wellness Representative, Robarts Research Institute	X
John Kelly	Vice-President Communications, Department of Anatomy and Cell Biology	X
Brittany Balint	Secretary, Department of Anatomy and Cell Biology	-
Ali Attaran	Vice-President Finance, Physics and Astronomy	-
Baraa Al-Khazraji	Outreach Coordinator, School of Kinesiology, Faculty of Health Sciences	-
Kaitlin Laidlaw	Webmaster, Brain and Mind Institute	-
Kate Parham	Tax representative, Department of Microbiology and Immunology	-
Blake Butler	University Research Board (URB) Rep., Department of Physiology & Pharmacology	-
Ian Kalman	Department of Political Science	X
Emma Holmes	Brain and Mind Institute	-
Lauren Solomon	Department of Microbiology and Immunology	-
Katherine Kasper	Department of Microbiology and Immunology	-
Jahirul Mazumder	Department of Chemical Engineering	X
Mariano Avino	Department of Pathology	-
Kyle Pardis	School of Kinesiology, Faculty of Health Sciences	-

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. Update from Isadora Olive:

Would like to create a monthly Western Campus/City of London cultural events newsletter.
Would like to inquire whether she could arrange with Western Film Studies to have an arts film night for post docs.
Concerns: projection room, viewing and displaying rights of films?

5. Update from Yoshiko Yabe:

Would like to highlight that the Western presentation club is open to all postdocs and graduate students.

6. PAW VP Communications Update (John Kelly, Caroline Dias de Costa Alencar)

John has submitted his resignation from PAW VP Communications. Caroline Dias da Costa Alencar requested to be made the new PAW VP Communications. J. Esseltine put forth the movement to support Caroline in the role VP Communications. This was seconded by Ian Kalman.

7. PAW SWAG (John Kelly)

New PAW SWAG has arrived (Pens, notebooks, bags and sticky-note bookmarks).

8. Post Doc Appreciation Week

A big thank you to John Kelly for his efforts in organizing a very successful Post Doctoral Appreciation Week. Career development workshops were extremely well-attended. Pub Crawl was also enjoyed by many post docs.

9. Update from Ian Kalman:

- Hosting a Thanksgiving celebration for postdocs in the city over the holiday weekend. Please advertise this event for those postdocs who are interested.
- Interested in organizing a Laser Tag event for Post docs.



10. Upcoming career development workshops:

- Carolyn Patterson from Research Western to put on a persuasive writing workshop. Presentation and hands on format with the opportunity for postdocs to bring personal pieces of grant/fellowship writing. 1.5-2hrs in length sometime in January or February.
- Kaitlyn Laidlaw will host a roundtable about personal professional website design (Grad Club, 3-4:30, End of October).
- Greg Vilk, Industry Liaison, will hold a roundtable in November about IP and patent information.

11. NPA Meeting Abstract (Natalie Kozyrev)

- Putting together abstract for NPA meeting related to PAWs efforts to host non-academic career path workshops.
- Abstract Due Oct 6th.

12. Next PAW Meeting

The next PAW meeting will be on November 7th 2017, 4pm, in the meeting room at the Grad Club.