



Minutes from April 7th, 2015 (4:00 pm /Meeting Room, Grad Club)

Attendance

Jiro Inoue	President, PAW's OWL Coordinator, VP Finance Role, Senate Observer, Robarts Research Institute	X
Tim Burkhart	Vice-President Internal, University Council on Research Ethics (UCRE), Department of Mechanical Engineering	X
Blake Butler	Vice-President External, CAPS Representative, University Research Board (URB) Rep., Department of Physiology & Pharmacology	X
William Lin	Vice-President Communications, Department of Mechanical & Materials Engineering	X
Yara Hosein	Secretary, Western's Mental Health and Wellness Initiative representative, Schulich Dentistry	X
Barat Wolfe	Social events coordinator, Arthur Labatt Family School of Nursing	X
Kalin Penev	Tax representative, Department of Chemical and Biochemical Engineering	X
Liliana Jaramillo	Outreach Coordinator, School of Occupational Therapy	X
Francesco Sala	Department of Mathematics	X
Mathew Fox	Robarts Research Institute	X
Marina Cvetkovska	Biological 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. Mental Health and Wellness (MH&W) & NPA Meeting Updates (Yara)

Yara presented a poster at the NPA Annual Meeting on PAW's MH&W initiatives. It was very well received and a few connections were made for future collaborative studies to assess wellness among



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postdocs and impact on the postdoctoral experience. Overall, the NPA meeting was well-planned and well-executed with great content! Postdoc mentorship was a hot topic at the conference, which falls in line with PAW's intended Postdoc Professional Development Program. The updates and details from this meeting will be included in the NPA report that Yara is preparing, which will be sent to the PAW exec in the next couple of weeks.

5. Research Forum Planning Updates (Barat/Liliana)

Liliana and Barat met with Mihaela to finalize the planning for the Postdoc Research Forum. The date has been confirmed for May 7th 2015, at the Great Hall. Liliana, Barat and Yara will be meeting with Great Hall to finalise the catering for that day. With regards to the day's activities, Barat and Lili will be doing the chairing, but volunteers are needed for the registration desk, greeting attendees, timers, recording presentations and picture taking. Anyone interested should contact Liliana or Barat. The calls for award nominations have already been sent out, and a formal award selection committee is being put together by Mihaela. Tim has offered to be the PAW representative on that committee.

6. 2015/16 PAW Executive Council election schedule (Will)

Will has already sent off two calls for election nominations. The third call will be sent out next week. It was agreed that voting this year will take the form of an anonymous Survey Monkey voting poll. That way all postdoc members are given the opportunity to elect PAW's exec. This survey will be sent out sometime after May 2nd.

7. New Business/Open Forum

AGM — It was suggested that the annual AGM and BBQ be moved to postdoc appreciation week in September. All members of exec have agreed to consider this move, and plans will be made accordingly.

Socials — There is still outstanding money in the budget for a Spring Party. A movie and dinner night will be planned for the end of April to replace the Spring Party.

Barat will work on putting together an Intramural team for Frisbee or Soccer. Further details to come.

Since Research Forum will take place on the first Thursday of May, Happy Hour will now be moved to May 14th.

Professional Development Tool— Tim requested feedback on the proposal for the professional development tool. Concerns were brought up regarding the terminology and wording of the contract. Tim will take concerns back to Mihaela, and will consider ways to alter the language so that it is not offensive, while ensuring it is clear that the program is mandatory.

Academic Interview Panel— Francesco requested a volunteer to take over the planning and facilitation of the academic interview panel. Blake offered to assist, providing that the date be moved to April 28th.



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Postdoc Appreciation Week— Liliana and Barat met with Health Sciences Dean to discuss getting department participation in PA week events and activities. The dean agreed to assist, and offered to lobby the idea to other deans.