



Postdoctoral Association at Western

Minutes from January 8th 2019 (4pm /Grad Club – meeting room)

Attendance

<i>vacant</i>	President, Department of Physiology and Pharmacology	---
Nicole Kuntz	Vice-President Internal, Department of Anatomy and Cell Biology	x
Kate Parham	Vice-President External, Department of Microbiology and Immunology	x
Brijesh Kumar	Vice-President Communications, Department of Microbiology and Immunology	x
Neciula Gomes	Secretary, Department of Nursing	regrets
Roberta Bgeginski	Webmaster, Department Kinesiology	x
Isadora Olive	Cultural and Arts Officer, Department of Psychiatry	regrets
Mohammed Khan	International Representative	regrets
Harvi Hart	VP-Finances	x

1. Ratification of the Minutes from the previous meeting

Passed

2. Ratification of the Agenda

Passed

3. Announcements/Introduction of new members/Attendance

- No new members in attendance.
- April and September our PAW Meetings will be held on IGAB 1N75 room.

4. National Postdoctoral Association-registration

Early Bird Registration for the 2019 Meeting April 12-14 in Florida is Jan 11. Abstract deadline was extremely early, before November and was missed. As we cannot submit an abstract, PAW will not send someone to attend.

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5. Suggestions for new activities next term.

a. Social –

- i. Maple Farm Visit – March
- ii. Coffee Catch up – Harvi has spoken to Mihaela and will choose a date for the first one. Will assess turn out and decide how to proceed. Monthly, bimonthly, etc?
- iii. Start piggy backing on Western Wellness activities, eg. Yoga, etc. Invite Post Docs to one of their planned events, then PAW can provide coffee/snacks after the class. Harvi will talk to fellow Post Doc Cassie who runs a Yoga class on Thursdays on campus.

b. Workshops, etc –

- i. Difficult Conversations Part II to be organised.
- ii. Nicole attended to the Post Doc Advisory Committee meeting. It was noted that there have been problems with Human ethics submissions. Submission platform has changed from ROMEIO to REM. Nicole will contact the Research ethics office about putting together a workshop for Post Docs. Maybe Feb or March.

6. Other Business:

c. Website:

- We decided it would be good to put links for wellness western events on the website calendar.

- Roberta discussed the format of the current PAW website and that there are 2 running at the same time and OLD and a NEW. The old has a lot of old archival information as well as the updated stuff. People browsing the website will get the NEW website unless there is a glitch with a link that takes you to the OLD.. Because of this we discussed no longer updating the OLD website. Archival minutes will remain in NEW website and we decided to copy the information that will be lost into a word document which can be searched if needed in the future.

- If the Exec could take some time to browse the PAW website and contact Roberta if you have any (minor) suggestions or come across a broken link or any errors.

- d. **InterNations**, a networking group in London. Brijesh will send out information about the group and we may advertise, promote the meetup, etc.
- e. Nicole will be **stepping down** as interim President as she will no longer be a Post Doc at the University.



7. Next PAW meeting –

The next PAW meeting will be held on **February 5th** 2019 at 4pm, at the Meeting Room, Grad Club.