



Minutes from June 2nd, 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	Regrets
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 Alvarez	Outreach Coordinator, School of Occupational Therapy	Regrets
Francesco Sala	Department of Mathematics	-
Mathew Fox	Robarts Research Institute	-
Andrea Di Sebastiano	Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry, Physiology and Pharmacology	X
Ming Wu	Faculty of Engineering, Civil and Environmental Engineering	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. Outgoing Executive President's Address (Jiro)

Jiro started the meeting thanking all 2014 outgoing exec and PAW members for their hard work over the past year. Special thanks were extended to Tim, who spearheaded the mentorship program that will be rolling out this summer. Great year everyone—a job well done!

5. Transitioning to New Executive (Jiro)

The new exec officially takes office at the end of the month (June). All outgoing execs should help new exec with the transition. All materials and information should be handed over before the July meeting.

6. Postdoc Handbook/Survival Guide (Jiro)

Jiro spoke to Mihaela about information to include in the survival guide eg. Where to find resources etc.. She mentioned that a postdoc guide is already in the works. Mihaela will distribute to everyone for review before the final copy is approved.

7. Postdoc Appreciation Week (Jiro)

Andrea has agreed to chair the planning committee for PA Week. We will need to work with Mihaela on the week events and bookings etc. We will also have to find a way to get postdocs to ask their admins (various departments) to get involved.

8. Postdoc Unionization Drive (Jiro)

Jiro will not have any details on this by June's meeting, but just as an informational note. There is interest from PSAC to unionize postdoc fellows. They would like to get support from PAW. It was agreed that PAW will listen to the union's request, but will not take a stance at the moment. The meeting will be held on June 3rd at 1:00PM. Jiro will send a briefing with details from the meeting.

9. New Business/Open Forum

- Reminder to the few trial postdocsto test the mentorship plan eith their PI's (sent by Miheala).
- Barat may have to give up president's role for next year. Liliana may be requested to take on the president position for 2015. More to come at the next PAW meeting.

- Letter to the President (Kalin):

The content of the letter to Dr. Chakma was discussed. In addition to awareness of postdocs, it was suggested that we also include a one liner stating that we have ideas on various initiatives beneficial to postdocs, and would be open to meet with him to discuss. Kalin will circulate updated letter.