



Minutes from August 2nd, 2016 (4:00 pm /Meeting Room, Grad Club)

Attendance

Andrea Di Sebastiano	President, Senate Observer, Department of Clinical Neurological Sciences	X
Baraa Al-Khazraji	Vice-President Internal, Outreach Coordinator, School of Kinesiology, Faculty of Health Sciences	X
Jessica Esseltine	Vice-President External, CAPS Representative, Schulich Anatomy and Cell Biology	X
S. Amanda Ali	Vice-President Communications, Health Studies, Faculty of Health Sciences	Regrets
Kyle Paradis	Vice-President Finance, School of Kinesiology, Faculty of Health Sciences	-
Ming Wu	Secretary, Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering	X
Kaitlin Laidlaw	Webmaster, Brain and Mind Institute	-
Blake Butler	University Research Board (URB) Rep., Department of Physiology & Pharmacology	Regrets
Matthew Fox	Department of Medical Biophysics, Robarts Research Institute	-
Jiro Inoue	Robarts Research Institute	X
Emma Holmes	Brain and Mind Institute	Regrets
Lauren Solomon	Department of Microbiology and Immunology	-
Kate Parham	Tax representative, Department of Microbiology and Immunology	Regrets

1. Ratification of the Minutes from the previous meetings

Passed

2. Ratification of the Agenda

Passed

3. Announcements/Introduction of new members/Attendance

None.



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4. Postdoc Round Table (Amanda/Andrea)

Our first Postdoc Round Table will be with Dr Hegele at the Grad Club, on Thursday September 1 at 4:30pm (where postdocs will be invited at 4:00pm). The topic will be tips for applying for funding. We will continue promoting the event prior to the date and RSVPs are needed. It was decided we will ask for RSVPs through emails.

5. Postdoc Appreciation Week (Andrea/Amanda)

We came up with a number of potential workshops for the Wednesday of PA Week, which could also be potential future workshops. These were a TSC workshop and workshop on elevator pitches (potentially by career services, Mitacs, or Tech Transfer). It was decided that we will investigate if we can do a workshop on fellowships application (research proposals).

6. The science review letter (Jessica)

Jessica has arranged for various PAW members to contribute to the letter. We will try to have an internal draft finished by end August, for submission in the fall.

7. Abstract for NPA conference (Jessica)

We voted on a topic that PAW will present at the conference (Teaching Support Centre workshop initiatives). Jessica will prepare the abstract and circulate the draft around to members. This was useful also in identifying potential topics for the following conference (eg PAW social events, branding ourselves).

8. PAW website (Kaitlin)

Kaitlin was unable to attend the meeting, and instead will email postdocs asking for volunteers to give detailed feedback on the website.

9. PAW emails (Andrea)

Andrea will talk to ITS about how to archive previous emails to the postdocs@uwo.ca email account. She will also check with Mihaela/ITS to see if we are able to add an owner to the email account to allow us to manage it easier, and if we can get emails for PAW exec members (eg PAWPresident@uwo.ca).

10. New Business / Open Forum

Columbia sale (Ming) – A reminder the Columbia sale is on until this weekend. We have had positive feedback from several postdocs about it.



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The next PAW meeting will be on September 6th 2016, 4pm (venue to be confirmed).