



**Minutes from August 15<sup>th</sup>, 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	X
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	X
Blake Butler	University Research Board (URB) Rep., Department of Physiology & Pharmacology	-
Ian Kalman	Department of Political Science	-
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	-
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. Postdoctoral Appreciation week: September 18-22 (John/Jessica)**

The Annual General Meeting (AGM) and lunch have been moved to Monday the 18<sup>th</sup> at the Grad Club.

If you haven't done so already, please sign up for the Terry Fox Run, if interested! It is a 5k run or walk. It is being held Sunday September 17<sup>th</sup>.

John suggested a post-doctoral movie night for postdoctoral appreciation week. He has enquired about getting free tickets from Western Cinema, and is just waiting for confirmation. Tickets can either be distributed to those who participate in the Terry Fox Run, or can be made available on a first come first serve basis.

John is waiting on confirmation for one week free gym membership passes at Campus Rec for postdocs for appreciation week.

John and Mihaela have been working on setting up an academic job search and application session. John has secured a representative from the Anatomy and Cell Biology Department to sit on the panel. If anyone has any contacts/suggestions for (preferably new) faculty members that may be interested in sitting on the panel, please let him know. John also suggested turning the session into a workshop if we are able to get enough faculty members to join. In that case, people would be able to speak with/hear from faculty members most relevant to their field. If anyone has input on this, please let us/John know!

Jess is working on setting up a teaching workshop for the Friday of Appreciation Week. As of now, she thinks the topic will be "How to leverage your teaching experience into an academic position".

**5. PAW Annual General Meeting (Jessica)**

Jessica has circulated the postdoc survey to PAWactive. If anyone has any changes to suggest, please let her know.

**6. Persuasive writing workshop (Jessica)**

Jess emailed the person who hosted the persuasive writing roundtable, which was very popular for postdocs. She agreed to host a 2hr workshop when grant season is over, so likely in November or December.

**7. PSAC local bargaining Team Update (Katherine)**



## Postdoctoral Association at Western

Katherine sent out an update on the collective bargaining, which was very well received at the PAW executive meeting.

### **8. Postdoc Vacancies on University Committees (Nicole)**

Nicole has filled all postdoc vacancies on University Committees!

### **9. Ideas for future workshops/roundtable sessions (Nicole)**

Nicole had a couple great ideas for future workshops/roundtable sessions:

1. "How to do a chalk talk" - Nicole has a contact who was recently hired into a faculty position at McGill. She has a lot of experience with giving chalk talks, so Nicole will ask her if she would be willing to come to Western to run a session.
2. Dr. Dwayne Jackson, Nicole's PhD supervisor, is a faculty member in the department of Medical Biophysics. He is also the Scientific Ambassador of a nutritional supplement company. Nicole will reach out to him to see if he would be willing to run a session on marketing your expertise to jobs/opportunities outside of academia.

### **10. Next PAW Meeting**

The next PAW meeting will be on September 5<sup>th</sup> 2017, 4pm, in the Medical Sciences Building, MSB447.