



**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	-
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	X
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. SGPS Meeting Recap (Jess)**

The SGPS meeting with Mihaela and Peter Simpson was held last week. Jess shared some of the main points discussed:

1. Jess will take over the VP of finance position until further notice. She will be meeting with Mihaela this week to discuss the current PAW budget. There is a chance that we will be looking for a PAW member to take over this role in the coming weeks.
2. Miheala would like to see an easier way for international and non-London native postdocs to gain access to information regarding housing and furniture. There is a Western buy and sell group that PAW member Carol is a part of. She is going to see if we can link this group to PAW.
3. Mihaela would like us to update the online archives of previous PAW meetings, budgets, workshops etc. Brittany and Kaitlin can take the lead on this.
4. Peter Simpson would like postdocs to know that if they ever have supervisor issues, they can and should reach out to him for mediation.
5. There are two clubs that Mihaela would like us to be aware of:
  - a. Presentation Club: This club is run by an international postdoc, and the purpose is to help postdocs improve their presentation skills. At this time, we are unsure if this club is limited to international students. Nicole sent an enquiry email to the president of the club.
  - b. Book Club: The purpose of this club is to promote innovation and problem solving, pertaining to the interest of postdocs. Books were purchased with the intention of increasing value of this club, so please consider checking it out!
6. Postdocs on campus: There are currently about 270 postdocs on campus, which is a substantial drop from last year.

#### **5. Update on PAW swag (John)**

John is waiting for confirmation on the PAW swag that he ordered. Since the notebooks won't have the PAW logo on them, Jess suggested that we print PAW stickers to put on the notebooks. She will visit supply centres to see if this is feasible.



**6. Postdoctoral Appreciation Week (John)**

John has done a lot of work to organize a great postdoctoral association week, so please come to as many events as possible! The Job application panel is looking particularly exciting – Jane Rylett from Robarts and Anthony Straatman from engineering will be sitting on the panel; both of them sit on hiring committees.

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

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

**8. NPA and CAPS/CAPA Meetings (Natalie)**

Natalie is taking lead on putting together and submitting an abstract for the NPA meeting. The abstract is due at the beginning of October. She is planning to discuss postdoc events from previous years, as well as the anticipated events for the coming year. If anyone has any input please let her know. Jess will be sending her the postdoc survey results from previous years.

**9. PSAC local bargaining team update (Jahirul)**

Jahirul gave us an update.

**10. Next PAW Meeting**

The next PAW meeting will be on October 3<sup>rd</sup> 2017, 4pm, in the meeting room at the Grad Club.