



**Postdoctoral Association at Western**

**Minutes from March 6th, 2018 (4:00 pm / Meeting Room, Grad Club)**

**Attendance**

Caroline Alencar	President, Department of Physiology and Pharmacology	X
Nicole Kuntz	Vice-President Internal, Department of Anatomy and Cell Biology	X
Natalie Kozyrev	Vice-President External, Department of Anatomy and Cell Biology	Regrets
Ahmed Alassuity	Vice-President Communications, Department of Chemical and Biochemical Engineering	X
Brijesh Kumar	Vice-President Finances, Department of Microbiology and Immunology	X
Maria Machado	Secretary, Department of Medical Biophysics	X
Kaitlin Laidlaw	Webmaster, Brain and Mind Institute	Regrets
Kate Parham	Tax representative, Department of Microbiology and Immunology	X
Yoshiko Yabe	International Postdoctoral Representative, Department of Psychology	X
Isadora Olive	Cultural and Arts Officer, Department of Psychiatry	X

**1. Ratification of the Minutes from the previous meeting**

Passed

**2. Ratification of the Agenda**

Passed

**3. Announcements/Introduction of new members/Attendance**

Wenyi LI, Phisiology and Pharmacology

Ahmed Alassuity, Chemical and Biochemical Engineering

Brijesh Kumar, Microbiology and Immunology

**4. PAW officials and representatives (Nicole)**

Nicole presented a brief summary about the roles of the current PAW officials and representatives. Nicole will check with Mihaela if the Campus Council and the Postdoc steering committee are inactive, and if so, we will delete these positions from our website. We decided to not have a PAW's Union Liaison, as PAW is apolitical and there is a Postdoc Chief Steward at the Union, which can help members with questions regarding union matters.



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We welcome our new Outreach Coordinator, Brijesh Kumar, and our new Cultural and Arts Officer, Isadora Olive.

### **5. Postdoc Tax Orientation Session (Kate Parham)**

Kate presented a report about the Tax orientation Session that happened on February 21<sup>st</sup> and 48 postdocs attended.

### **6. PAW roundtables**

Caroline is organizing a roundtable with the help of the Career Support Centre. The roundtable will be “How to convert an academic CV to an industry resume” and should be held on April. The topic will be discussed again during the next PAW meeting.

### **7. Winter PAW Social event (Caroline)**

Caroline organized an ice skating event at Victoria Park on February 24<sup>th</sup>. The event was not well attended and we decided to organize more events on campus next time.

### **8. Postdoc Research Forum**

This topic will be discussed next meeting due to time limitations.

### **9. The National Postdoctoral Association meeting 2018 (Natalie)**

This topic was not discussed due to Natalie’s absence.

### **10. Vacant PAW positions (Caroline)**

Ahmed Allassuity was elected VP-communications and Brijesh Kumar was elected Vice-President Finances.

### **11. Next PAW meeting**

The next PAW meeting will be on April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2018 at 4pm, in the Grad Club Meeting Room.