



**Minutes from September 4th, 2018 (4:00 pm / IGAB 1N75 Room)**

**Attendance**

Caroline Alencar	President, Department of Physiology and Pharmacology	x
Nicole Kuntz	Vice-President Internal, Department of Anatomy and Cell Biology	regrets
Kate Parham	Vice-President External, Department of Microbiology and Immunology	x
Brijesh Kumar	Vice-President Communications, Department of Microbiology and Immunology	x
Neciula Gomes	Secretary, Department of Nursing	x
Kaitlin Laidlaw	Webmaster, Brain and Mind Institute	regrets
Isadora Olive	Cultural and Arts Officer, Department of Psychiatry	x
Mohammed Khan	International Representative	x

**Agenda Items**

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

*Passed*

**2. Ratification of the Agenda**

*Passed*

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

- *Harvi Hart and Julien Le Roy are new members of PAW.*
- PSAC asked to send out a communication to the PAW mailing list:

l) **Non-union business:**. The University Tennis Centre is extending its student membership to include current Postdocs at Western again this year. I did this last year and had a blast! There's something for all levels of skill and they have great instructors running clinics and whom also provide private lessons. Best of all, it is all indoors. All of the details can be found at their website: <http://universitytenniscentre.com/>

The usual rate is \$270 (Sept to May) but students (and current Postdocs) can join for \$112 (Sept to May) which under a student membership includes low court fees of \$10 per player for singles, \$5 per player for doubles, both rates are per hour. Student memberships do not include a parking pass for the lot adjacent to the domes.



Watch out for the summer season from May 7 2019 to Sept 16 2019 for \$125 – no court fees! Interested postdocs should email me, Matthew Fox, at [matthew.s.fox.4@gmail.com](mailto:matthew.s.fox.4@gmail.com) to make arrangements to receive the student rate.

II) **Union update** - Postdoc Dues: PDAs should be seeing their dues properly calculated starting this month. Please check your paystubs to confirm that your dues are being charged on the minimum negotiated salary of \$34,000 as outlined in the collective agreement. This is around \$45 in dues monthly. There has also been progress made on dues overcharging repayment. PSAC National and UWO have been working together to resolve this. Current and former PDAs will be compensated. Please watch your emails this week for more details from PSAC Local 610

#### **4. Annual Post Doc Appreciation Week 2018 from Sunday 16th to Friday 21st Sep**

*Activities for the Appreciation Week – September 17<sup>th</sup> to September 21<sup>st</sup>*

- Terry Fox Race (5km) on Sunday 16th – Kate created postdocs team (page) and we need to advertise it more by email and social media
- Postdocs Orientation Session on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> – Caroline will attending the meeting and talking about PAW to the new postdocs
- Appreciation Lunch for all postdocs on Friday 21st – Mihaela will send the registration link.
- Pub-crawl on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> – Nicole will have to send out the details separately to the Postdocs who express interest. She will post the pub crawl details on our Facebook group. ( Milos' -420 Talbot St; Runt Club -153 Albert St; Joe Kools - 595 Richmond St; and McCabes -739 Richmond St )
- Recreation Centre – Kate negotiated free admission during the three days (Monday-Wednesday) for the postdocs during appreciation week.
- Western Movie Night – Isadora contacted Western Film and negotiate 10 free tickets.
- Workshop of Interviews: Brijesh will contact the Carrer Centre to share our context as postdocs and to deal the content. He will contact Mihaela to know how many postdocs will do it and schedule the room.
- Wellness activity: Because it will be difficult to perform an activity in the Grad Club during the appreciation lunch we should just advertise the Yoga class put on by Wellness in IGAB on Wednesday Sept 19<sup>th</sup>, 12:10-12:50. Nicole suggested to promote snacks for this moment. Brijesh will contact Mihaela about this and the registration.
- Soccer Team- Postdoc League: We will advertise it.



#### **5. Evaluation - Summer Barbecue**

It was a good moment of interaction among postdocs. We had a good attendance. Harvi suggested to discuss next meeting about more informal moments among postdocs.

#### **6. Elections (VP-Finances)**

The new VP-Finances is Harvi Hart.

#### **7. Next PAW meeting –**

The next PAW meeting will be held on **October 2<sup>nd</sup>** 2018 at 4pm, at the Meeting Room, Grad Club.