



Postdoctoral Association at Western

PAW Executive Council Meeting

Tuesday January 11th @ 4:00pm

Join Zoom Meeting:

Meeting ID: 986 7121 5607 Passcode: PAW

Meeting minutes

Attendance

Stephen Tuffs	President, Department of Microbiology and Immunology	X
Vasudeva Bhat	Vice-President Internal, Department of Anatomy and Cell Biology	X
Antoine Kornprobst	Vice-President External, Department of Statistical and Actuarial Sciences	X
Vacant	Vice-President Finance, Department of Physical Therapy	Absent
Karine Dufresne	Secretary, Department of Microbiology and Immunology	X
Michael Paris	Vice-president Communications, School of Kinesiology	X
Alexandra Levine	Vice President Equity, Diversity and Inclusion, Department of Psychology	Absent
Lauren Jervis	Faculty of Education representative, Faculty of Education	X

1. Land Acknowledgment

We acknowledge that Western University is located on the traditional territories of the Anishinaabek, Haudenosaunee, Lūnaapéewak and Chonnonton Nations, on lands connected with the London Township and Sombra Treaties of 1796 and the Dish with One Spoon Covenant Wampum. This land continues to be home to diverse Indigenous Peoples whom we recognize as contemporary stewards of the land and vital contributors of our society.

Vasu will do the next land acknowledgement

2. Ratification of the Minutes from the previous meeting

Minutes from last meeting are ratified

3. Ratification of the Agenda

Agenda from this meeting is ratified

4. Announcements/ Introduction of new members/ Attendance

No new announcements

5. PAW during COVID-19 (Stephen)

Most of university fell down to 50% occupancy due to the recent outburst of cases.

6. Equity, Diversity and Inclusion (Alex)

Alex is sick and will send us the updates for EDI later.

7. Workshops (Stephen)

Training schedule – starting this year and organized by Mihaela

- First Monday of every month (excluding holidays)
- The January workshop was good. We had approximately 20 participants.

There will be the research forum in April or May when we will have to organize workshops, but until then PAW does not intend to organize a workshop on top of the ones organized by Mihaela

8. Communication (Stephen/Mike)

- Slack Group
- We are discussing to have issue-related channels, like parenting in London, mentor-related issues, etc.

9. PAW Representatives (Vasu)

- Update for VP finance, GEC seat and URB seat
- We will wait for the elections to find a new VP finance
- Elections for executives are coming in March.



10. Socials (Stephen)

- Postponing of postdoc brunch: we are waiting for spring or summer depending how the measures and cases of Covid-19 will be then.

11. New Business/Open Forum

No new business

12. Next PAW meeting

- Tuesday February 1st 2021 4:00-5:00pm – Zoom details to be included in Agenda