Brain and Mind
Steering Committee Meeting Minutes

August 24, 2016 from 2-3 pm
Room 245A NSC

Present: Mel Goodale, Marc Joanisse, Jessica Grahn, Stefan Everling, Emma Holmes (Postdoc), Emily Nichols (Grad), & Florence Lourdes

Regrets: Adrian Owen, Ingrid Johnsrude, Patrick Callaghan, Jody Culham (on sabbatical) and Roy Eagleson

1. Motion to accept Minutes from last meeting were seconded and approved.

2. Director Remarks:

   • Announced new Associate Steering Committee member, Roy Eagleson (for 3 year term).
   • Western University awarded $66 million from CFREF. Confirmation of budget breakdown is pending. Governing board to be constructed and any ideas and suggestions may be sent to the BMI Director to forward to Central Administration. The official announcement will occur in the first week of September.
   • CFI update (Marc Joanisse): Quotes were higher than anticipated, exceeding budget limits. Still working on budget details. The writing part is progressing nicely, with several one page contributions received.
   • The Search Committee for the 2 junior faculty positions has been determined and invitations are now going out. It’s a nine person committee, with a large representation of BMI nominations, prioritized by equal representation across the constituents and diversity. October 1, 2016 is the job posting closing date and applications are rolling in.
   • Annual Report for 2015 is progressing. Plan to have drafted to review and approve before the end of September.
   • Distinguished speaker, Eleanor Maguire, has been invited to speak in February 2017 (actual date to be confirmed).
   • Call for Applications has gone out for the BMI-Donders exchange program. Submissions are due by October 15, 2016.
   • Reminder that submissions are due September 9, 2016 for the Postdoctoral Fellowship competition.
   • Order for BMI branded clothing has been delayed due to summer holidays. Expect shipment by early September.

Motion: To approve proposal for Postdoctoral Collaborative Research grant. Motion seconded and approved. Drafted guidelines on eligible expenses, review committee, review criteria and so forth to be submitted to the BMI Administrative Officer.

Motion: To sponsor 4th Biennial Conference of the International Mind, Brain and Education for $2,000. Motion seconded and approved.
3. Financial Update
   • No updates since last meeting.

4. Postdoctoral Update
   • Working on retreat for Postdoctoral Collaborative Research grant this October. To send out email and post on BMI website.

5. Graduate Students Update
   • No updates since last meeting.

6. Other Business
   • Next meeting date: September 21 at 2 pm.

Meeting Adjourned at 3:00 pm.