Brain and Mind  
Steering Committee Meeting Minutes

January 25, 2017 from 2-3 pm  
Room 245A NSC

Present: Mel Goodale, Ingrid Johnsrude, Marc Joanisse, Jessica Grahn, Jody Culham, Stefan Everling, Patrick Callaghan, Emma Holmes (Postdoc), Avital Sternin (Grad) and Florence Lourdes

Regrets: Roy Eagleson and Adrian Owen

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

2. Director Remarks:

- The Institute application (for direct reporting) is presently on hold.
- The Search Committee is still interviewing candidates for two junior faculty positions in Cognitive Neuroscience. One candidate has dropped out of the competition.
- Distinguished speaker for 2017 will be Robert Zatorre from the Montreal Neurological Institute and Hospital at McGill University and he is also a McGill rep for BrainsCAN. His visiting date will be confirmed in the near future – likely this fall.
- Blueprints for the Western Interdisciplinary Research Building (WIRB) have been revisited to double check data ports, electrical outlets, door placements etc. Feedback has been forwarded to Facilities Management to go over with the contractors. Construction is presently on schedule.
- The Move Team will engage in high level strategizing and oversee all aspects of the move. An election will take place for the postdoc/trainee rep. Subcommittees to be setup to help plan and coordinate the details of the move. Move Team members and subcommittee nominees will be announced to the BMI community to ensure transparency and support.
- The first application deadline for the International Graduate Student scholarship competition is February 28, 2017. One submission has been received so far.
- The Postdoctoral Fellowship program information will need to be updated on the BMI website to reflect changes in the status of postdoctoral scholars at Western. The next competition deadline is May 8, 2017.
- Motion moved, seconded and approved to support this year’s Postdoctoral Collaborative Research Grant results. Applicants will be notified by the end of the month.

3. BrainsCAN Update

- An official announcement on all new BrainsCAN positions will be emailed out to the BMI community in the near future. As well, there will be more information released in the next few weeks on reduced scanning rates.
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4. Financial Update

• All Cluster fund expenses are on track. The University anticipates an influx of expenses shortly, due to the on-going junior faculty recruitment.

5. Postdoctoral Update

• A survey has been circulated to receive feedback on existing seating arrangements and pod setup. The timing of this survey is good since a furniture subcommittee will be established very soon to forward results to. The elected postdoc/trainee rep for the Move Team will likely be on the Furniture subcommittee as well.

6. Graduate Students Update

• No updates at this time.

7. Other Business

• User fees for the Human Core proposal: Presently, equipment is purchased on PI grants and access is shared within reason. However, there is no future proofing for maintenance and repairs. BrainsCAN may be able to assist, but BMI should match that support. Since tracking usage maybe burdensome, an annual fee may be a better solution. The committee members will revisit this proposal at future meetings and it may be added to the agenda for the upcoming Core Member retreat.

• Next meeting date for the Steering Committee: February 28, 2017 at 2 pm.

Meeting Adjourned at 3:00 pm.