The Brain and Mind
Steering Committee Meeting
January 29, 2014
Minutes
Mel Goodale, Stefan Köhler, Brian Corneil, Jody Culham, Adrian Owen

Regrets: Daniel Ansari

1. Report on Governance Model:
A hand-out containing listing governance issues for the Steering Committee to consider was distributed (see attached). Discussed which issues must be addressed first.

The benefits of an Advisory Committee and an International Scientific Advisory Board (ISAB) were discussed. Recommend investigating if funds available to support annual meetings of the ISAB and Advisory Committee.

The selection process of Steering Committee members was discussed as well as the term (2 years), how voting would take place, and the possible inclusion of trainees (to organize outreach activities and pass information to the Committee from trainees and vice versa).

Striking an “Outreach/Media Committee” was also discussed that would include one faculty member, some postdocs and graduate students and a media officer. A “Scholarship and Award Committee” would also be helpful.

The selection, term and responsibilities of Core members and Associate members of the Brain and Mind Institute were discussed. Recommend introducing a term of 2 years and creating an application form to become members, and instituting a membership renewal process.

2. Update on Chairs and Cluster:
IPB and Central Admin are working on a formula to fund the administrative and technical core of the BMI over the long term, without depending on Cluster funds. Adrian Owen, Mel Goodale, Janice Deakin and John Capone and the 4 main Deans involved will be meeting on the evening of February 12, 2014 to discuss the Cluster funding.
3. **BMI Faculty Update:**
   Ingrid Johnsrude will be arriving this summer and Andrew Pruzynski plans on arriving by October. Both will require an office in the BMI.

4. **Security on the 1st floor of the BMI:**
   There have been a few unusual incidents on the first floor that have raised concerns with regard to security in that area. John Carson, Director of CPD, has offered to arrange for a review of the first floor and offer recommendations.

5. **Other Business:**
   Brian Corneil announced that his appointment in the Southern Ontario Neuroscience Association (SONA). Western will be hosting a one-day meeting on May 5, 2014. Motion approved that the BMI will provide a small amount of money toward the meeting.

   There is a new ORF-RE opportunity and Mel Goodale met with John Capone and Bryce Pickard to discuss the possibility of collaborating with the Rotman Institute on the neural substrates of human nature, which might warrant core support. BMI may match funds, but would require the remaining one third from industry/commercial sector.