Brain and Mind
Steering Committee Meeting Minutes

June 2, 2015 from 9:00 – 10:00 am
Room 245A NSC

Mel Goodale, Jody Culham, Jessica Grahn, Lorina Naci (Postdoc), Charles Weijer (Rotman), and Florence Lourdes
Regrets – Brian Corneil, Daniel Ansari, Stefan Köhler, Adrian Owen, Daniel Cameron (Grad), Patrick Callaghan and
Ingrid Johnsrude

1. Minutes from last meeting were approved.

2. Director Remarks:
   - Welcome to Lorina Naci as new Postdoctoral representative.
   - Annual Distinguished Speaker in Cognitive Neuroscience. This would bring attention to BMI and would be a great opportunities for trainee to hear a world-class speaker. We would make sure that it did not overlap with the Rotman speaker series.
   - The Inaugural BMI Symposium will also be part of an external review by ISAB. There will be speaker and a poster session.
   - Recruitment process for Clusters grant is progressing with a shortlist of 10 junior candidates. Five junior candidates will be visiting for talks over the next couple of months. An email will be distributed shortly with more details. Will inquire about videotaping talks for selection committee members.
   - Exchange program with the University of Geneva is a go, with a person from Geneva selected to work with Derek Mitchell this fall. No one chosen from BMI yet to go to Geneva.
   - As we move towards being a centrally reporting institute, a first BMI annual report will be completed this summer. PIs have been contacted to submit CVs. Will also contact Associates for CVs and faculty profiles to illustrate diversity in BMI membership.
   - Looking into backup resources for key positions when away from the office for a period of time. Request using email notification in Convergence for vacation messages.
   - For Coffee Break assignments, will double up on the smaller labs that have fewer trainees.

3. BMI Fall Conference and visit by the International Scientific Advisory Board
   - RSVP email sent out to BMI community to capture attendance estimates.
   - Reviewing various venues for presentations and social. Considering old Ivey Atrium or PAB Atrium for social event. Also will explore Mustang Lounge options.
   - Recommend establishing a delegation team of postdocs and grad students to meet with ISAB members.
• Postdoc and grads will be invited to participate in poster and presentation sessions. Recommend contacting PIs for potential candidates to represent lab area in presentations. Seeking a good cross section of all labs. All postdocs and grad students will be invited for poster sessions.
• Seeking where to borrow poster boards for sessions (Biology or Social Sciences). Contact Susanna Schmidt for more info.
• Present target audience is the BMI community. Will gauge attendance expectations before considering extending invitation beyond BMI community.

4. Financial Update

• Patrick Callaghan sends his regrets. No financial update at this time.

5. Postdoctoral Update

• No updates at this time.

6. Graduate Students Update

• No updates at this time.

7. Other Business

• No other business. Meeting adjourned.