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

2. Director Remarks:
   - New Building: all bids have been submitted and reviewed. Somewhat over budget due to unforeseen circumstances. Various options being considered to address shortfall. Expect a small delay in construction. More information to come.
   - Space Planning Committee: will be expanding committee. To confirm new appointments next meeting.
   - Core and Associate BMI membership: defining membership criteria, outlining membership responsibilities/privileges, length of terms, and application/renewal processes. To create a process going forward.
   - Postdoctoral Fellowship competition – November 2015 submissions to be reviewed shortly. Next competitions to be held approximately every nine months – to setup September 2016 competition over the next few weeks.
   - Updates on Exchange Programs: working towards a MoA with Monash University. Reps will be visiting Western University in April – coordinated through Western International. Still considering joint meeting with HBM. Held meeting with Donders’ researchers in advance of the Neuroscience conference. Already pursuing an exchange programs at the Undergraduate level. Received support from Western International to further develop partnership. Western delegates visiting Donders’ group this May, possibly pairing with research symposium. Inquiring if travel support possible through Western International. More information will be emailed by Brian Corneil soon.

3. Succession Planning
   - No updates since last meeting. Discussions to continue into the new year.

4. Financial Update
   - No updates since last meeting.
Brain and Mind
Steering Committee Meeting Minutes

January 6, 2016 from 2 – 3 pm
Room 245A NSC

Present: Mel Goodale, Jessica Grahn, Charles Weijer (Rotman), Stefan Köhler, Daniel Ansari, Brian Corneil, Patrick Callaghan, Emily Nichols (Grad), and Florence Lourdes

Regrets: Adrian Owen, Lorina Naci (Postdoc) and Jody Culham (on sabbatical)

5. Postdoctoral Update

- No updates since last meeting.

6. Graduate Students Update

- Aaron Gibbings has accepted the student rep position for the Space Planning Committee.

7. Other Business

- Collective agreement clauses on student appointments for Search and Appointment committees, as interpreted by Faculty Relations.
- Junior applicants have been notified by the Vice President’s office of decisions. Will be reposting junior faculty positions as early as possible.
- Next International Graduate Student Award competition to be confirmed.
- Postdoctoral Fellowship award announcements should include bio-sketches of the recipients on the BMI website. Emily Nichols to circulate email to request information from recipients.
- Delegation from European Union will be visiting Western later in January to provide information on the Horizon 20/20 call. Patrick Callaghan to email more information soon.
- Next Meeting February 3rd at 2 pm in NSC 245A.

Meeting Adjourned at 3:00 pm.