Brain and Mind Steering Committee Meeting Minutes

May 31, 2017 from 2-3 pm Room 245A NSC

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

Regrets: Roy Eagleson, Adrian Owen and Jody Culham

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

2. Director Remarks:

- Welcome to new postdoc rep Rebecca Merkley

- Paul Minda, chair of WIRB Space Planning Committee, presented initial office and seating assignment proposal. All inquiries, requests and feedback to be forwarded to Paul Minda for follow-up.

Motion: To conditionally approve the initial office and seating assignments for the new building (WIRB) with the understanding that modifications may result as PI feedback is received and any issues will be reviewed by the Space Planning committee. Where changes are significant or impact other PIs, recommended solutions may be forwarded to the Steering Committee for approval. Motion was moved, seconded and approved.

- Solutions have been proposed to address the new building’s impact on birds in the area. Central administration is presently reviewing the proposals. The BMI Director will encourage meeting with Scott MacDougall-Shackleton and Boris Pertout to discuss the best course of action to take.

- Webpage under construction for Move preparations. This site will provide moving timelines, instructions and checklists to assist everyone in relocating to the new building.

- An election will be held in June for Steering Committee opening should more than one person interested in the appointment. Terms of reference for Steering Committee appointment has been drafted, but shelved pending Institute proposal decision.
• Three BMI membership applications were reviewed and approved by the Steering Committee for the following:

Mari Savundranayagem, Health Sciences – Associate Member
Susanne Schmid, Schulich – Core Member
Michael Anderson, Rotman Institute – Core Member

Memberships will be revisited every 5 years, including Associate memberships to review participation in BMI activities.

• BMI membership recruitment tabled. The terms of reference for BMI membership were updated and will be reposted to the BMI website shortly.

• One candidate still in negotiations for junior faculty position in Cognitive Neuroscience.

• Adjudication for Postdoctoral Fund for Cognitive Neuroscience scheduled after Steering Committee meeting. Three applications received.

• **Motion:** BMI to sponsor Neuroscience of Music conference to take place in Boston this June - requested amount is $2000. *Motion moved, seconded and approved.*

• An email will be sent out shortly requesting CVs for 2016 Annual Report. Requesting feedback and material for Annual Report and BMI website.

3. BrainsCAN Update

• The first Postdoc Accelerator competition was a success with 11 of the 19 applications approved. 70% of the applications were from BMI and there was a proportional success rate of 55%. The average given per project was just over $70,000. Most support went to imaging projects, followed by non-imaging, then rodents. Most funding went to Schulich, then Social Science. The next competition on July 4th will have revised guidelines to emphasize “transformative” objectives.

4. Financial Update

• Financial report does not run until July, so no further updates at this time. IPB meeting next week to discuss carry forward funds after 5 years.
5. Postdoctoral Update

- The Postdoctoral Collaborative Research Grants were viewed as a huge success and would like to run another competition. Recommend running another competition same time next year, with a September or October retreat.

6. Graduate Students Update

- No updates at this time. Inquiry about representation on WIRB furniture committee.

7. Other Business

- Next meeting date for the Steering Committee: June 28, 2017 at 2 pm (rescheduled).

Meeting Adjourned at 3 pm.