

**Strategic Research & Innovation Committee  
Meeting #72  
Wednesday December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2016  
12:00 – 1:30 pm  
HBI Boardroom (HRIC 1A06)**

**Attendance**

**Chair:** Dr. Keith Sharkey

**Members:**

**Present:** Drs. Jaideep Bains, Andy Bulloch, Susan Graham, Oury Monchi, , Quentin Pittman, Naweed Syed, Eric Smith, Cam Teskey, Patrick Whelan, Keith Yeates, Wee Yong, Carlos Arenas (ex officio: HBI Senior Manager, Business and Operations), Ms. Carmen Rieder (ex officio: Research Coordinator)

**Regrets:** Drs. Andrew Demchuk, Bruce Pike, Nathalie Jetté

**Approval of Agenda and Minutes**

Meeting commenced at 12:00pm with a welcome by Dr. Keith Sharkey. Comments on the meeting's agenda and the previous meeting's minutes were invited but none made. Dr. Teskey moved that the agenda and minutes be accepted. Dr. Bains seconded. Carried.

**Report from the Chair – Dr. Keith Sharkey**

**HBI Evaluation**

The HBI will bring in two groups of external advisers to evaluate current operations. HBI Education is set to be reviewed in 2017 while Research will be evaluated in 2018.

**Executive retreat: December 2016**

Dr. Sharkey presented some of the relevant topics from the retreat. Please refer to the minutes for this retreat for more information.

**Seminar series – Dr. Cam Teskey**

The seminar program, which runs from September to June each year, hosts ~40 speakers and three special lectures (Bryan Kolb Lecture in Behavioural Neuroscience, PhD/Post-doc of the Year and Alumnus of the Year). The seminars are part of a fourth year undergraduate course as well as mandatory for neuroscience grad students. Attendance by HBI members has been low so Dr. Teskey asked if there is value in having this seminar series. The following points were raised in discussion:

- Having an active seminar series adds quality to undergrad and graduate programs
- Seminars are valuable if speakers are instructed to prepare for an audience with a broad neuroscience interest.

Since the seminar series is generally supported, it is recommended to continue. Each Neuroteam will put forward two speakers and take responsibility for hosting these speakers.

### **Budget 2017-18 – Dr. Keith Sharkey**

Budget matters were discussed in preparation of the next budget. Details will be finalized at the next meeting.

### **Other Business**

#### **Multi-Investigator Research Initiative (MIRI) by Brain Canada**

Several teams are likely to submit LOIs for this funding opportunity.

Meeting adjourned at 1:30pm.

#### **Future Meetings:**

January 26, 2017; February 16, 2017; March 16, 2017; April 11, 2017; May 11, 2017;  
June 14, 2017

