I          Introduction

KMDI is currently going through a phase of reorganizing and re-focusing following the appointment of Mark Chignell as Director.

Recap of Mandate Statement
The Knowledge Media Design Institute (KMDI) is a collaborative, inter- and multi-disciplinary department housed in the Faculty of Information (iSchool) whose research and teaching interests focus on the intersection between knowledge, media and design. The institute and its members advocate and explore the human-centred collaborative design of media for sharing, access, security, transmission, translation, storage, etc., as useful, and usable knowledge. KMDI looks at design as the iterative practice of problem solving in the domain of media for the communication, collaboration and understanding of knowledge.

Director’s Statement/Executive Summary
KMDI owes a debt of gratitude to Professor Andrew Clement for taking on the Interim Directorship in the second half of 2012 and for managing the transition to a new leadership team. That team is now in place and we are beginning to address the many challenges that face the institute. The institute is formulating policies that will create a more transparent governance structure that addresses the institute’s research and teaching priorities.

The KMDI Executive Committee has been re-constituted. In addition to the ex-officio membership of the KMDI Director and the Faculty of Information Dean, the committee also consists of Professors Kelly Lyons, Gerald Penn and Barry Wellman. The Executive Committee has already met once this year and will meet again in March.

Professor Anthony Wensley has been appointed as Director of the Collaborative Programme (CP). Professor Wensley has set up a Collaborative Programme Steering Committee that will advise him on the detailed running of KMDI’s educational programme and related issues. In addition to Professor Wensley, the CP Committee includes Professors Nadia Cadi, Howard Mount, and John Danahy. In addition to the steering committee there will also be a broader CP committee involving membership from all the units affiliated with the CP. That committee will be meeting at least once annually to ensure that the needs and interests of the collaborating units are being met.
Programs
Currently we are running four courses, KMD 1002, 2001, 2002 and 2004, and have 8 students taking KMD3000/1 reading courses. We are also in the midst of a recruiting session for new CP programme students. Applications were due February 21, 2013.

Upcoming Courses:
We have already started planning our courses for the summer and next school year and are currently considering the following offerings:
Summer - KMD 2002
Fall - KMD 1001, KMD 1002
Winter - KMD 2001, KMD 2004

Collaborations
KMDI is gearing up to welcome students drawn from the Interactive Digital Media Specialization program at UTM and we will be offering a collaborative course this summer. We are also working with the iSchool to help recruit for and promote the new MI concentration in Knowledge Media Design. Joseph Ferenbok and Mark Chignell are attending recruiting sessions organized by the i-School, and at one of the sessions they were assisted by KMDI CP alumnus Steve Szigeti.

IV Plans for 2013 and beyond
KMDI is under significant budgetary pressure. One of our goals in 2013 is to stabilize the budget and to put the institute on a more secure financial footing. We are planning to launch a new KMDI seminar series beginning in Fall 2013. We are also planning to have some involvement with the NCE GRAND 2013 conference, which is to be held in Toronto in May 2013. There are a number of initiatives that we are considering, but since the current leadership has only been in place a few weeks we aren’t yet in a position to make formal commitments in terms of planning. However in the next few months we also hope to revitalize the KMDiary as a monthly magazine.