1. Heather Mason-Suares introduces BGSO,  
   - Mission-The Biomedical Graduate Student Organization (BGSO) has been developed to help unite the biomedical graduate students in the multiple biomedical programs of the Medical School with each other and the Medical school as a whole. Our goal is to enrich the bio-medical graduate career through developing and promoting career/professional development and unity of disciplines throughout Case Western Medical School.

   - Acting Officers: President: Heather Mason–Suares, Vice-President: Alex Veenstra, Treasure: Jessica Cohen, Secretary: Erica Keenan, Social Coordinator: Sarah Busch
   - Committees currently: MD-PhD interactions committee
     Survival Guide committee, Newsletter committee, Professional Development committee

2. Alex Veenstra discusses the MD-PhD interactions committee. He introduces the idea of more interactions between MD and PhD students to initiate translational research

3. Sarah Busch discusses the Survival Guide committee. A member of the audience suggests that the GSS will also be producing a survival guide and they should join efforts. However, the GSS is not currently working on that project yet. The idea that the survival guide is able to be updated online by multiple users is also brought up.

4. Erica Keenan discusses the Newsletter committee and Professional Development committee. The Newsletter is distributed to all attending students.

5. Kim Orndorff-Paik from career services presents information about the various services that Career Services can offer to graduate students. Students can access services at http://studentaffairs.case.edu/careers/
   - Case CareerLink
   - Facts on File
   - Going Global
   - Vault
   - NACElink Network (click on Jobs tab in CCL)
   - www.Neotechjobs.com

5. A general discussion follows the powerpoint presentation. The two principal issues discussed are the ITS fee, which will be discussed in the next BGSO meeting, and the prospect of an RTA pass for graduate students. Erica Keenan tells the audience that BGSO opposes the manner in which the fee is administered, in that the fee is taken from student
stipends as an out-of-pocket expense rather than from tuition, and that the fee will continue even after the system is paid for with no clarification on how the money will be spent.