I. Introduction of New IIGB Director [N. Raikhel]
   a. Review of Committees and Memberships
      i. IIGB Advisory
      ii. Equipment Committee
      iii. Seminar Committees
         1. IIGB
         2. CEPCEB
         3. CDVR
   b. Proposed Centers
      i. Center for Biological Sciences and Technology
      ii. Agricultural Genomics Center
      iii. Stem Cell Center
   c. Related Programs
      i. mSTART
      ii. Genetics, Genomics and Bioinformatics Graduate Program (GGB)
         1. IIGB sponsoring travel awards for graduate students
   d. Introduction of IIGB Staff

II. Three Innovative Areas of Focus for IIGB [N. Raikhel]
   a. RNA Interference
   b. Bioinformatics
      i. Recruitment underway for three positions in Bioinformatics and
         Computational Biology
         1. Since faculty outside CNAS yet are affiliated with IIGB cannot
            vote on candidates, a form will be distributed
   c. Systems Biology

III. Integration of College of Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences (CHASS) and
     College of Natural and Agricultural Sciences (CNAS)
   a. Social to be scheduled to acquaint faculty

IV. Questions/Concerns/Comments
   a. Tim Close: Inquired about mechanism for purchasing equipment through grants
      for possible placement in Keen Hall (instrumentation facility). CNAS does not
      have a grant writer available to assist with this process. A Facilities Description
      will be made available on the IIGB website for inclusion in equipment-related/research grants.
   b. It was recommended that seminars be clearly posted and accessible on the IIGB website.

V. Next Forum
   a. To be scheduled in June 2007