1.1 The Chair’s Announcements:

1.1.1 As I announced last week, Director of General Education, Wayne Tikkanen, and his assistant, Mr. Enrique Galaz would like to invite you to attend the opening of the Office of General Education. The office serves as “home base” for the General Education program. The office is here to promote the value of General Education in academic programs and work with Departments, Colleges, Advisors and Academic Governance to make the GE experience more relevant and impactful for our students. Open house for the Office of General Education will be today, 3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. in Library South 1061. Please after our meeting, head over to this newly formed office.

1.1.2 Program Reviews will be resuming next year. Due to semester conversion, two years ago programs were given the option to suspend their review. 8 departments with BA/MA programs opted to suspend review. Self-studies will be due at the end of Spring 2016 and program review of these 8 programs take place at the start of Fall 2016.

1.2 Interim Graduate Studies Dean, K. Elliott-Brown announced the Graduate Student and Faculty Mentor Recognition Reception will be held on Wednesday, May 27, 2015, 3:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. in G.E. Ballrooms 1 & 2. You can RSVP to the Office of Graduate Studies by May 8th.

1.2.2 As you know that Library basement was flooded and we have had to temporarily relocate our staff. Andrea Gutierrez, Coordinator of the Graduate Resource Center, is in KH D1052. The thesis reviewers and writing consultants are in KH D1045. Thanks to Michelle Hawley and the Honors College for sharing their space with us.

1.3 Provost Mahoney announced:

6 year graduation rate for Fall 2008 first-time, full-time freshmen increased to 41.1% from 36% for 2007 cohort
6 year graduation rate for Fall 2008 first-time, full-time freshmen from under-represented groups increased to 38.7% from 33% for 2007 cohort
4 year graduation rate for Fall 2010 transfer students increased to 68.6% from 62.5% for 2007 cohort
4 year graduation rate for Fall 2010 transfer students from under-represented groups increased to 68.2% from 61.1 for 2007 cohort

In keeping with our mission as an engine of social equity and mobility, we have seen a surge in the number of degrees earned by Latinos. In 2008-09, we awarded undergraduate degrees to 1,049 Latinos, in 2013-14 we awarded 1,555 degrees to Latinos—a 48% increase!

2. Senator Marchevsky raised a concern regarding campus-based equity, the most recent resolution from CSU East Bay in support of pay increases and posed the question to the Senate: Do we want to empower our Executive Committee to draft a resolution as well?

2.2 Senator Riggio raised a concern regarding increased student enrollment without increases to supporting faculty, staff, services (i.e., parking, classrooms, etc.).
INTENT TO RAISE QUESTIONS

3. None.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

4. It was m/s/p (G. Peterson) to approve the minutes of the meeting of April 14, 2015 (ASM 14-16).

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

5. It was m/s/p (Bodinger-deUriarte) to approve the agenda.

SENATE CHAIR’S REPORT

6. 6.1 Chair Warter-Perez presented her report.

6.2 Chair Warter-Perez yielded to Provost Mahoney who spoke to the Senate about Enrollment Management.

PROPOSED POLICY MODIFICATION: APPOINTMENTS, FACULTY HANDBOOK, CHAPTER VI (14-8)
Second-Reading
Forwarded to the President

7. 7.1 Chair Warter-Perez reminded the body that this policy was a First-Reading Item at the meeting two weeks ago and is now a Second-Reading Item.

7.2 The recommendation for document 14-8 was APPROVED. (V: 38/0).

PROPOSED NEW POLICY: AFFILIATE STATUS, FACULTY HANDBOOK, CHAPTER VI (14-9)
Second-Reading
Forwarded to the President

8. The recommendation for document 14-9 was APPROVED. (V: 37/2).

PROPOSED POLICY MODIFICATION: MINIMUM GRADE POINT AVERAGE IN GENERAL EDUCATION, FACULTY HANDBOOK, CHAPTER IV (14-10)
Second-Reading
Forwarded to the President

9. The recommendation for document 14-10 was APPROVED. (V: 38/0).

ADJOURNMENT

10. It was m/s/p (Hunt) to adjourn at 2:23 p.m.