Chair Warter-Perez convened the meeting at 1:39 p.m.

1. The Chair’s announcements:

1.1 Welcome and Happy New Year. I have an important announcement. I am going to yield the floor to President Covino.

1.1.1 President Covino introduced the new Provost, Lynn Mahoney.

1.1.2 The Executive Committee of the Academic Senate will be having an all-day retreat on Friday, January 30th. We are still in the process of finalizing the agenda; however, some suggested topics we will be discussing are Shared Governance, Collegiality, Campus Culture, Engaging with Administration, and Fostering Communication, just to name a few. The purpose of this retreat is to have dialogue about issues of concern and hopefully create action plans to address these issues. We will report any updates back to the Senate body.

1.1.3 As you know, there are a lot of changes taking place on campus and we want to try our best to ensure as much information as possible is being provided to you. Throughout the next two quarters we are planning to have presentations during the Senate meetings with updates on Q2S, available assistance from CETL for redesigning/designing courses for semesters, an overview of the University budget process, PaGE, and Information Technologies for Student Success. As noted on today’s agenda, we were scheduled to have our first presentation on Information Technologies for Student Success presented by Jim Bersig and Parviz Partow-Navid; however, this particular presentation will be postponed as we received a notice from Jim Bersig advising that he is ill.

1.2 Interim Graduate Studies Dean, K. Elliott-Brown, announced the Graduate Resource Center will be holding its 23rd Annual Student Symposium on Research, Scholarship, and Creative Activity. The workshop titles are “Writing the Proposal,” “Thinking Verbally and Visually: Designing Effective Academic Presentations,” and “Open Colloquium: Presentation Practice and Feedback.” You can visit our website for the dates and times.

1.2.1 The 2015-16 California Pre-Doctoral Scholars Program is designed to increase the diversity of the pool from which the California State University draws its faculty. It does so by supporting the doctoral aspirations of CSU students who have experienced economic and educational disadvantages. A special emphasis is placed on increasing the number of CSU students who enter graduate programs at one of the University of California campuses. Download the application form and instructions at:

   http://www.calstatela.edu/sites/default/files/groups/Office%20of%20Graduate%20Studies/forms/2015-16_predoc_application_final.docx

The Office of Graduate Studies will hold an information session on January 16th, from 1:00 to 2:30 in Graduate Resource Center, Library North, Room A124. Please contact Christopher Gipson in Administration 702 (x3-3820) for more information. Deadline to submit application to the Office of Graduate Studies is January 29th, 2015.
1.2.2 The California State University (CSU) Chancellor's Doctoral Incentive Program (CDIP) aims to increase the number of promising doctoral students applying for future CSU instructional faculty positions by offering financial assistance in the form of a loan and mentorship by CSU faculty. Download the application here:


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1.3 Senator Dumitrescu announced that the Department of Modern Languages will be presenting a series of talks about what is happening in France. The first talk will be held Wednesday, January 14th, 3:15 p.m.-4:15 p.m. in King Hall D1054 and is titled “Liberté, Egalité, Fraternité?: Tensions in Today’s Multicultural France.”

1.4 Senator Avalos announced that the Winter Graduate Involvement Mixer will be held today from 3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. in the Graduate Resource Center, Library Level A.

INTENT TO RAISE QUESTIONS

2. None.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

3. It was m/s/p (Dumitrescu) to approve the minutes of the meeting of December 2, 2014 (ASM 14-7).

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

4. 4.1 It was m/s/ (G. Peterson) to approve the agenda.

4.2 Chair Warter-Perez reported that Jim Bersig is out sick today and the presentation on Information Technology for Student Success has been postponed. Without the presentation, it looks like we do not have any business, but the Executive Committee discussed this morning and agreed to hold a quasi-meeting of the whole. We will delete item 6 from the agenda and discuss and vote on holding a quasi-meeting of the whole as we continue the meeting.

4.3 The agenda was approved as amended.

SENATE CHAIR’S REPORT

5. Chair Warter-Perez presented her report.

QUASI-MEETING OF THE WHOLE

6. 6.1 It was m/s/ (G. Peterson) to hold a quasi-meeting of the whole.

6.2 G. Peterson deferred to Chair Warter-Perez to explain to the body the rules of a quasi-meeting of the whole.

6.3 It was agreed by consensus to adjourn at the regular meeting time or after all items have been discussed, whichever comes first.

6.4 The G. Peterson motion was APPROVED.

6.5 A discussion was held.

6.6 It was m/s/p Hunt to end the quasi-meeting of the whole.

ADJOURNMENT

7. It was m/s/p (Hunt) to adjourn at 2:54 p.m.