Report of Chair of Statewide Academic Steven Filling
The report of Steven Filing, Chair of the Statewide Academic Senate, can be found here http://www.calstate.edu/AcadSen/Records/Chairs_Reports/documents/January-2015-Chairs-Rept.pdf

The CSU Faculty Trustee Recommending Committee met on January 21. Four finalist applicants for Faculty Trustee were chosen. They were CSUB’s John Tarjan, Steven Stepanek, Northridge, current trustee, Honora Chapman, Fresno, and Susan Holt, Sacramento. They will be interviewed at the next plenary in March, 2015. Two finalists will be selected by vote and their names will be forwarded to the governor.

It was suggested (by Chancellor White and others) that campuses invite trustees to visit, especially the faculty trustee. Steven Stepanek indicated that he is very open to being invited.

Community Colleges offering baccalaureate degrees. Campuses are being asked to respond by February 12 with regards to which degrees are duplicating what is already in the CSU system. Separate responses will be expected from the chairs of the academic senates and from the University presidents. Here is a link to the proposals that are available. https://www.dropbox.com/sh/zvts8vl5x68fqr4/AABm5DhhwEcSeEeJduWp6C

A related issue that was brought up in discussions was that of the quality control. If community colleges are offering degrees, how is their upper division GÉ to be measured?

Wiley Publications holding CSU Libraries hostage? There was a first reading of a resolution asking for faculty support of CSU libraries in not dealing with Wiley Publishers while they continue to “bundle” journals and charge excessive fees to the CSU. Since then, SDSU has come to some agreement with Wiley. This is an ongoing issue and should be watched.

Qualified students turned down
Thirty thousand qualified students have been turned down by the CSU for next year because of lack of funds.

Tenure Density
The continuing issue about tenure density was also discussed. The CSU is not hiring tenure track faculty fast enough to replace FERP, retiring faculty and faculty leaving the system. For example, in CSUB in 2007 there were 222 tenure track faculty. In 2014, there were 185. The tenure density was 64.5% in 2007. It was 55.7% in 2014. (I can forward tenure density documents if requested. There appears to be no up to date link to this information. Information provided at the following link stops in 2009.)
Failed Searches
There is also a problem system wide and in the Chancellor’s Office of searches ending in failure. Chancellor Timothy White indicated we need to conduct exit interviews to find out why this is happening. Some in the state-wide senate believe the answer is simple. Salaries being offered are too low.

Chancellor Timothy White came to the plenary on Friday, January 23. He did not make a report. However, he did say that last year was the best fundraising year in the history of the CSU. He also spoke about the significance of the class of three million in 2015. Please see this link for further information and for ideas on how CSUB can participate in this celebration https://classof3million.calstate.edu/
Chancellor White stayed five to ten minutes for questions.

Eric Forbes - Assistant Vice Chancellor, Student Academic Support spoke on Course Match, how it works, how students enroll, how courses transfer back to the home campus and other related issues.

There was no CFA Report.

Resolutions
The individual resolutions (five) acted on by the ASCSU at its January 22-23, 2015 Plenary may be found at http://www.calstate.edu/acadsen/Records/Resolutions/2014-15.shtml

The two resolutions at this link that may be of particular interest to CSUB faculty are the resolutions on “The Need for a Current, Comprehensive California State University Policy on Academic Freedom” and “Non-Tenure Track Faculty and Shared Governance in the California State University: A Call to Campus Senates.”