

Texas A&M University-Kingsville
Faculty Senate Minutes
November 1, 2011

Present: Michelle Garcia, Mike Daniel, Jean Escudero, Nestor Sherman, Aden Ahmed, Maria Ayala-Schueneman, Angel Ball, Santa Barraza, Mark Cortez, Horacio Duarte, Don Fisher, Norma Guzman, Alice Hempel, Darin Hoskisson, Don Jones, Kim Jones, Alvaro Martinez, Gerri Maxwell, Jim Norwine, Greg Sanders, Greta Schuster, Dazhi Sun, Eric Swartz, Roger Tuller, Amit Verma, Zak Watson,

- I. Meeting was called to order by Faculty Senate President Michelle Garcia at 3:35 pm.
- II. Minutes of October 4, 2011 were unanimously accepted with amendments to reflect attendance.
- III. Presentations:
 - President Tallant addressed several issues:
 - a. Discussed

Robert Paulson and Lee Moore discussed the Luminus portal.

a. The Luminus portal will be available in January 2012. The advantage of this system is that it has better communication and better SSO. The faculty senate or other groups could use it as a "Group" for discussions and documents. This would not be accessible to anyone but only those who are members. This main function of this would be to serve groups and committees not courses. Another advantage is that it would reduce mass emails. Some senators expressed concern that we already have these functions with Blackboard and believe tha