Texas A&M University-Kingsville
Faculty Senate Minutes
May 1, 2012

Present:

I.  Call to Order
   3:30 PM
   a.  Quorum Call
       Quorom present

II. Presentations
    a.  Duane Gardiner

III. Report of Officers
    a.  Senate President Mike Daniel
       i.  Budget meetings, short-term and long-term
       ii.  Business senators
       iii.  Committee assignments

IV. Old Business
    a.  Administrator Evaluation Committee – update on implementation – Amit Verma
    b.  SRI Task Force update – Harmeet Singh
    c.  Teaching Load Credits Proposal, Section B
       Senator Vela made a motion to uphold current policy (as expressed, for instance, at C.2.4.1.1 Supervision of Graduate Students in the Faculty Handbook) for release time regarding direction of completed theses. The motion was seconded by Senator Hempel and passed by voice vote.
    d.  Faculty Handbook revision--change in approval process for faculty dropping students for excess unexcused absences: decision stops at Dean, reported to Registrar, without approval by Provost.
       President-Elect Challoo moved to change section C.1.(8) from “to recommend to the department chair, college dean, and Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs that a student be dropped from class for excessive unexcused absences...” to read “to recommend to the department chair and dean that a student be dropped from class for excessive unexcused absences...” Senator Escudero seconded the motion and it passed by voice vote.

V.  New Business
    a.  Input on split graduation
    b.  Items for the floor

VI. Adjournment
    4:18 PM

Next meeting:  Tuesday September 4, 2012