CALL TO ORDER
Vice Chair Patricia Webb called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL
Members Present:  David Dougherty, MaryAnn Ferrigan, Richard Silverman, Roy Spangler (via Internet), Denis Weiss, Patricia Webb, Roberta Werle
Members Absent:  None

WELCOME
Members and guests were welcomed by Vice Chair Patricia Webb.

MINUTES
Minutes from the January 20, 2011 regular board meeting were approved as presented with a motion from Trustee Richard Silverman, seconded by Trustee MaryAnn Ferrigan.

PUBLIC COMMENT
Welding student, Charles Allen, spoke of student concerns in the welding program. The welding program is being moved to M-TEC at Kirtland - Gaylord. Student Michael Richardson expressed his concern about travel time and schedule times. He is also concerned about grades, family time and wear-and-tear on his vehicle. Kathy Marsh, Dean of Instruction, thanked the welding students who appeared tonight with concerns about the program. She stated that welding will be offered on main campus until 2013, which allows two years for students to finish their welding courses.

PRESIDENT’S REPORT
Presentation: Voting Trends of Senior Citizens
Sue Montesi, Dean of Learning Centers and Innovative Programs at Delta College, provided a handout titled, “Understand the Experienced Adult Population.” Kirtland serves a large area geographically but small in population compared to most other community colleges in Michigan. In the State of Michigan, 13.4 percent of the total population is age 65+ yet Kirtland’s district comprises 26.6 percent in that age range. At almost double the state average, this tells the college that the number one group you need to reach for support are senior citizens. Considering that the second largest population group in our district are ages 55 to 64, in the next ten years it is possible that between 33 and 40 percent of our population could be 65+ in age.

This same population group comprises the largest percentage of voters in all three local, state and federal elections. Seniors have voted in larger percentages than younger voters in every election since 1966. An analysis of Michigan community college voting patterns indicates that voter support correlates to distance from the main campus and is positively impacted if the voter can identify a personal connection to the college. She reminded the board that their role is to be ambassadors for the college and they need to be thinking about how to accomplish that role on an ongoing basis.

Headlee Discussion
Tom Quinn open up a discussion based on the presentation, as to where the board wants to head regarding approaching the voters to support rolling back the Headlee limit to the amount the voters approved in 1992. Trustee Richard Silverman said the board needs to spend the next two years expanding services to people the senior population and to provide improved personal connections to the college. Trustee Denis Weiss agreed and identified with the unknowns facing people on fixed incomes. He said that timing is an important factor in that regard. Trustee Roberta Werle stated that we also have a large population of people living under the poverty level, and until their conditions improve, they will not vote for anything that will hinder their current economic situation. Trustee Silverman noted that part of our strategic plan has to address services to that group and not just with cultural events. If 50 percent of our community is age 50 or older, we have to serve that group. President Tom Quinn and Trustee MaryAnn Ferrigan added the factor of how many people are disabled; 40 percent in Roscommon and 46 percent in just the City of Grayling alone.

Trustee Werle pointed out that the short-term solution for moving the welding program to Gaylord may have a long-term negative effect on our voters. The consensus of the board was that we should not target a Headlee rollback within the next two years. We can revisit the topic in two to three years. Forty percent of our revenue comes from...
local taxes, so we cannot expect to ask for more without providing more and better services. Trustee Weiss said that we also need to be visible in our communities. We should have a sign like the new one in front of the college in every community.

Information Items
Personnel Actions since the last report to the Board:
New hires
Tracey Znamer has accepted the position of Director of Kirtland’s Early Childhood Learning Center. Donnie Bannon has been engaged as part-time Public Safety Officer.

Promotions and Transfers
Irene Borak, a long-term employee in a variety of positions, has been assigned as part-time admissions support specialist. Kristine Gipson, science lab Paraprofessional and part-time Science Instructor at Kirtland, has been assigned the position of Instructional Designer under the Title III Grant. Mark McCully, Executive Director of the M-TEC, has accepted the position of full-time Welding Instructor. Joe Meadows, Maintenance II, has accepted the lead position for Grounds and Shipping. Evelyn Schenk, interim Director of Facilities, has accepted the position of Director of Facilities. Ron Sharpe, Maintenance II, has accepted the lead position for Custodial.

Resignations and Retirements:
Mary Ann Frick, Associate Dean of Health Sciences, has left her position. Lynn George, part-time Financial Aid Support Specialist, has left her position. Katie Lorence, Coordinator of M-TEC Advising and Support, is leaving KCC employment as the position has been eliminated. Mark Truman, part-time Custodian, has left his position.

Denis Weiss expressed concerned about turnover and asked whether or not the college is doing exit interviews to address it. Dale Shantz, Director of Human Resources, answered yes.

Winter 2010 Faculty List
The winter semester 2010 faculty list was presented as an information item in the board packets.

Average Class Size report
Kathy Marsh, Dean of Instruction reported that with the decline in enrollment this semester, we are doing well to hold firm to the average class size for both main campus and M-TEC.

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS/OPEN DISCUSSION
None

NEW BUSINESS/BOARD ACTION
None

OTHER
Joss Jurgesse, Kirtland Center for the Performing Arts Support Technician, announced that the Red Green show sold out both performances and that people traveled great distances to get here. Roberta Werle added that The Houghton Lake Resorter has a very good coverage of that event. People who attended are still talking about it.

ANNOUNCEMENTS
A calendar of upcoming events was provided as an informational item. Next board meeting will be March 17, 2011, 7 p.m. at Kirtland House.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Faculty Negotiations
A motion to move to executive session was made by Trustee Silverman, seconded by Turstee Weiss. A five minute break was declared.

ADJOURNMENT
With no further business to come before the board, the meeting was declared adjourned at 9:50 p.m. by Vice Chair Patricia Webb.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathy Koch
Recording Secretary