

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND ACTION/FISCAL, FACILITIES AND AUDIT

June 16, 2020

ACTION: **Approve Naming of Indoor Athletic Complex for Wayne State College**

Board Policy 8020 provides for the naming of Nebraska State College System (NSCS) buildings and other facilities. According to paragraph 4 of the policy, "The proposed name shall come to the Board as a recommendation of the President." Pursuant to this policy, Wayne State proposes to rename the building currently known as the Carlson Natatorium which was constructed in 1964 and housed the former swimming pool, offices, and locker rooms. The building is currently being renovated into a multi-use athletic and recreation space with artificial turf and a protective netting system.

The purpose of the Kirk Gardner Indoor Athletic Complex naming is to recognize Kirk Gardner's and the Gardner Foundation's long-time and substantial commitment, support, and generosity for Wayne State College and the Wayne State Foundation. Kirk was a football student athlete for Wayne State in the 1970s and currently serves as a Gardner Foundation Trustee. Lifetime giving of the Gardner Family Foundation exceeds \$8.8 million. Furthermore, the Gardner Foundation made a \$1.8 million pledge supporting athletic and academic scholarships, operations and facility upgrades in April of 2020. \$300,000 of this pledge is dedicated to renovating the Wayne State College Natatorium into the Indoor Athletic Complex as stated above.

This naming request brings honor to the donors and their family members, to Wayne State and to the Nebraska State College System.

The Chancellor supports this request and recommends approval.

The System Office and Wayne State College recommend approval of the Naming of Indoor Athletic Complex for Wayne State College.