Board of Trustees of the Nebraska State Colleges

Meeting Date**: November 12, 2026**

Agenda Item: **4.5**

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND ACTION:

Committee: **Fiscal, Facilities, & Audit Committee**

Action Item: **Naming Opportunity Associated with Brandenburg Hall - WSC**

Board Policy 8020 provides for the naming of Nebraska State College System (NSCS) buildings, structures, and other facility features. According to section 1.1 of the policy, "The naming must reflect favorably on and bring honor to the System." Pursuant to this policy, Wayne State College proposes the following naming for Brandenburg Hall upon completion of the project.

Soukup Student Success Center in Brandenburg Hall

Don and Diane Soukup are alumni of Wayne State College, and although their careers took them to the western United States, they have been active, continuous supporters of Wayne State for several decades contributing significant financial gifts for primarily student scholarships. They credit much of their own success in life to the degrees and opportunities afforded them by attending Wayne State College and they have a passion for helping students succeed academically.

More recently, Don and Diane have shown an interest in assisting the Wayne State College with facility improvements. When the plans for Brandenburg's Renovation and Addition project were presented to them, they realized the project was an excellent opportunity to develop a center within it that facilitates student success in a larger, tangible way.

The Soukups offered to provide several million dollars for the Brandenburg project but they did not stop with the financial commitment. Their example and leadership helped convince two other private foundations to contribute major gifts toward the project, as well. Don and Diane have influenced millions in other private funds for Brandenburg making it the largest commitment of private donations to any single project in the history of the Nebraska State College System.

Upon Board approval, the "Soukup Center for Student Success in Brandenburg Hall" will honor Don and Diane Soukup for their many years of supporting Wayne State College through their significant contributions to student success as well as their financial support for the Brandenburg Renovation and Addition project.

The System Office recommends approval of this Naming Opportunity Associated with Brandenburg Hall for Wayne State College.