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**TO:** Dr. Monty Sullivan  
LCTCS President

**FROM:** Joseph Marin *JM*  
Chief Operations Officer

**DATE:** October 17, 2017

**SUBJECT:** Naming of the Administration Building, Health and Physical Education Complex and Theatre Building Stage at Bossier Parish Community College

**APPROVED**

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LCTCS BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
*11/8/17*

**FOR BOARD ACTION**

**Recommendation:** Staff recommends that the Board authorize Bossier Parish Community College to name the Administration Building the John R. McConathy Administration Building, the Health and Physical Education Complex the Billy Wayne Montgomery Health and Physical Education Complex, and the Theatre Building stage the Stephen W. Slaughter Stage. *The lobby of the LCTCS*

**Background:** Pursuant to Board Policy 4.003, "the purpose of naming LCTCS college facilities in tribute is to bring honor and distinction to the college and to provide appropriate recognition to an individual, a family, a corporation, or a nonprofit organization that, by virtue of their monetary contributions to the college and/or their lifelong dedication and service to the institution, have set an example in the community and in the state for others to follow." This action is in accordance with this policy and the college's naming policy. These naming requests are meant to honor three individuals that have rendered distinguished service that warrants recognition of their exceptional contributions to the college.

- **John R. McConathy Administration Building**
  - This naming opportunity is proposed in order to recognize the outstanding contributions made by John R. McConathy (1930-2016). John was an educator in the Bienville and Bossier Parish school systems for thirty-one years, first as a teacher and coach and then as Bossier High School's Assistant Principal. Later he served as the Business Manager for the Bossier Parish School Board before becoming the Assistant Superintendent and was elected Superintendent of Bossier Schools in 1971 and retiring in 1983. During his time as Assistant Superintendent and then Superintendent, he was instrumental in the founding of Bossier Parish Community College as the 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> grades of Airline High School. In retirement, John was a driving force behind the design and acquisition of funding for the \$55 million Bossier Parish Community College campus and was a founding Director of Campus Facilities, Inc.— a non-profit corporation created and existing to support and benefit the

educational, scientific, research, and public service missions of Bossier Parish Community College.


- **Billy Wayne Montgomery Health and Physical Education Complex** Lobby
  - This naming opportunity is proposed in order to recognize the outstanding contributions made by Billy Wayne Montgomery (1937- ), also known as Coach Montgomery. Coach began his educational career in 1960 as a teacher and coach while he was still in the Army. He was an assistant principal from 1970 to 1982 and a principal from 1982 to 1988, when he entered the legislature and retired from professional education. Coach represented the Bossier City-based District 9 in the Louisiana House of Representatives from 1988-2008. While in the Legislature, Coach was instrumental in securing funding for the \$55 million Bossier Parish Community College campus, funding for an adjacent land purchase, and he recently spearheaded a land donation to the College. Coach is also a founding Director of the LCTCS Facilities Corporation—a private non-profit public corporation created for the purpose of administration, financing, planning, acquisition, expansion and construction of quality facilities for the benefit of students of the Louisiana Community and Technical College System (“LCTCS”). The LCTCS Facilities Corporation has managed nearly \$500 million in building projects supporting the mission of two-year colleges in Louisiana.
  
- **Stephen W. Slaughter Stage (in the BPCC Theatre Building)**
  - Professor Stephen W. Slaughter (1948 – 2017) graduated from Bolton High School in Alexandria, Louisiana in 1966. He earned his B.A. degree in Speech/Theatre from Louisiana Tech University and his M.A. degree in Communication/Drama from University of New Orleans. Steve retired from a long and distinguished career at Bossier Parish Community College where he taught speech and theatre studies from 1986 – 2012. During his tenure at BPCC, Steve directed scores of theatrical productions, winning numerous Shreveport Times Drama Awards and recognition from the Southwest Theatre and Film Association. He wrote and produced ten original educational children’s shows which continue to entertain children of all ages each year at BPCC. Steve’s gift to BPCC and, indeed, the community, will be as the architect of BPCC’s Performing Arts Degree program and as the founder of BPCC’s Cavalier Players. He lead the design of the College’s state-of-the-art theater replicating Broadway/Off-Broadway features in all aspects of the building, sets, and programs allowing students to learn in a real theater-house environment from day one of classes. Steve’s scenic designs and directing talents were recognized throughout the community with his innumerable services to the Annual BPCC/Bossier Christmas Show at the Bossier Civic Center, The Times Drama Awards, and to local Mardi Gras ballrooms.



**Fiscal Impact:** The fiscal impact is limited to the cost of signage, which will be funded by the college.

**History of Prior Actions:** N/A

**Benefits to the System:** The naming of these facilities will provide a means to recognize the valuable contributions of John R. McConathy, Billy Wayne Montgomery and Stephen W. Slaughter to Bossier Parish Community College.

  
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**Approved for Recommendation to the Board**  
**Dr. Monty Sullivan, President**

11-8-17  
**Date**