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The property, an approximately 3.5 acre tract, abuts the northerly side of the college property. The college, which is undertaking its facilities master plan update, evaluated the proposal and determined that they have no college long term need for the subject property and would like to surplus it.

Scheduled Presenter(s):

Brian Yolitz, Associate Vice Chancellor for Facilities
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MINNESOTA STATE COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

BOARD ACTION

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PURPOSE
To obtain surplus designation and approval for the sale of real estate consistent with Board Policy 6.7, Real Estate Transactions.

STATUTE/POLICY IMPACT
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BACKGROUND
Mesabi Range College in Virginia abuts the Parkview Learning Center, which is a Virginia School District property. The Parkview Learning Center is currently operated as a K-2/3 school for the district and also offers community athletic fields. The school district has two baseball fields, one of which was discovered to be located almost wholly on the college’s property. A survey showing the strip of land at issue is included on Attachment A. The cross hatched strip represents the college property that is the subject of this surplus action. An aerial map is included in Attachment B showing the location of the subject property and campus.

The school district would like to add parking and ensure control over athletic fields, and sought to lease or purchase the property from the college. The property, an approximately 3.5 acre tract, abuts the northerly side of the college property. The college leadership, which is undertaking its facilities master plan update, evaluated the proposal and determined that they have no long term need for the subject property and would like to surplus it. The sale to the school district would be at the property’s appraised value of $150,500.

RECOMMENDED COMMITTEE ACTION:
The Finance and Facilities Committee recommends that the Board of Trustees adopts the following motion:
The Board of Trustees designates the strip as shown on Attachment A as surplus and authorizes the chancellor or his designee to pursue a sale of the property to the school district for no less than its appraised value and related costs.

RECOMMENDED BOARD OF TRUSTEES ACTION:

The Board of Trustees designates the strip as shown on Attachment A as surplus and authorizes the chancellor or his designee to pursue a sale of the property to the school district for no less than its appraised value and related costs.

Date Presented to the Board of Trustees: June 17, 2015