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CHAPTER I.

TRUSTEES.

1. There shall be one annual stated meeting of the Board on the Monday in September preceding Commencement, and three other meetings quarterly; one on the first Monday in October, another on the first Monday in January, and the third on the first Monday in May. The Board may likewise be convened whenever the Chairman or any three members may direct in writing; but when such extraordinary meeting is called, a notice of it shall be sent to each member at least three days previous to such meeting. All meetings of the Board shall be held in the College building, unless unfavorable circumstances prevent.

2. The Board shall from time to time appoint a Chairman, Treasurer, and Clerk.

3. The Chairman shall be authorized to draw in favor of the Treasurer for all dividends arising from stock belonging to the University.

4. The Treasurer shall give such bonds or security for the faithful discharge of his duties, as shall be satisfactory to the Trustees. He shall deposit in one of the Banks in Lexington all the monies which he shall from time to time receive, and shall pay no monies except upon an order drawn by the Chairman, under the authority of the Board.

5. It shall be the duty of the Clerk of the Board of Trustees to attend all regular and called meetings, to keep a record of the proceedings of the Board, and also to record all contracts, leases, and deeds which the Trustees may make, and carefully to preserve the books and papers of the Board, and to give all notices to trustees of the called meetings of the Board.

6. At the September meeting, the following committees shall be appointed: A committee of three to inspect the buildings and other property of the University, and make the necessary repairs; a committee of three to attend to the collection of debts and to the affairs of the refectory, to examine all accounts with the University not referred to other committees, and the accounts of the Treasurer, and to report at each of the four stated meetings of the Board; a committee of three to inspect the library and philosophical apparatus, and the accounts of the Librarian; and a committee of three, of which the President
of the University shall be one, to supply temporary vacancies in the offices of instruction, and to procure any extra instruction for the time being, when deemed necessary.

The Trustees are expected to attend commencements, the public examinations and exhibitions.

CHAPTER II.

OF THE FACULTY.

1. The Faculty consists of the President and Academic Professors and Instructors. The Faculty are charged with the immediate government and direction of the University. They shall enforce the laws prescribed by the Trustees, and shall have authority to make any regulations which may be necessary to carry into effect their respective duties. The President shall preside at meetings of the Faculty, who are to decide by the greater number of votes, that of the President always being one to give validity to the decision of the majority. The Faculty, during term time, shall devote themselves to the instruction and discipline of the University. They shall occupy rooms in College, unless unavoidable circumstances prevent, during the hours appropriated to study, and attend upon public and devotional exercises.

2. The Faculty shall propose any changes in the books to be read by the students, and in the course of study to be pursued, which they may judge advisable. Such change, however, shall not take effect until adopted by the Board.

3. It shall be the duty of the President to take charge of the University generally, to superintend its buildings, grounds, and movable property, to report to the committee of repairs such damages as may need repair, and to report to the Trustees, as occasion may require, the state of the University, and such measures as may conduce to its future prosperity.

4. He shall have power to visit the classes, and any of the departments of the University, and to give such directions, and perform such acts generally, not inconsistent with the laws and regulations of the University, as shall, in his judgment, promote the interests of the institution.

5. He shall provide at commencements, exhibitions and examinations.

6. The President shall attend prayers in the Chapel, and in his absence the duty shall devolve on the other officers.

7. The Faculty shall hold frequent meetings to deliberate on the concerns of the College, to secure the most perfect co-operation and unity of discipline, to require into all the violations of the laws, and to inflict the necessary punishments.

8. The Faculty shall distribute among themselves the various classes and exercises, and each member of the Faculty shall bear the excitements which may thus be assigned him.

9. If the scholarship or general conduct of any student be such that it does not appear to comport with his own interest, or the interests of the institution, to continue him in the Faculty are so great that the continuance of such student would be without sense or disgrace.

10. All of those may be offenders and misconducts, but if it be in the laws, the Faculty in such way as may appear reasonable or be of the description defined in the by right of inferring offences of a more heinous for their sentence.

11. The Faculty are expected to examine them, to give them the counsel of their lives, and to assist them in their studies, to endear them to the hearts of others in place of aliments, with whom they have lived, and are not influenced by regard to money or excellence, and the sense of duty.

12. The Secretary of the Faculty shall to parents and guardians, when deemed necessary, or on request, furnish the Board of Trustees an accurate account of the condition of the College, and the Treasurer's accounts shall comport with the laws or accounts, and be deposited at any time in the Treasury. The Treasurer's accounts shall conform with the accounts of the Treasurer.

13. In all cases of matters of report and in all cases of matters of right of appeal from such sentence to theiversity, the University, and such measures as may conduce to its future prosperity.

CHAPTER III.

ADMISSION INTO THE UNIVERSITY.

1. In the department of the ancient class there are two classes—Freshmen, Sophomores, Juniors and Seniors. Literature, three classes—the first, second, and third—The requisites for admission into the class with the English, Latin, and Greek Grammar and Geography, an ability to construe and gil. The proper Greek Reader, and testimonials of good moral
to continue him in it, the Faculty are authorized to inform his parent or guardian that the continuance of such student will be inexpedient, and to dismiss him without cause or disgrace.

10. As there may be offences and misdemeanours against which no special provision is made in the laws, the Faculty are authorized in such cases to punish in such ways as may appear reasonable and necessary, provided such punishment be of the description defined in the by-laws. They shall, however, have the right of referring offences of a more heinous nature to the Board of Trustees for their sentence.

11. The Faculty are expected to exercise parental authority over the students, to give them the counsel of friendship, to superintend their department, to assist them in their studies, to endeavor to substitute a moral power over the heart as a principle of order in the place of a fear of punishment, so that the penalties of the law shall fall on those only who yield not to higher and better motives, and are not influenced by a regard to character, by filial gratitude, by the love of excellence, and the sense of duty to God.

12. The Secretary of the Faculty shall record their important acts, shall send to parents and guardians, when directed by the Faculty, notices of the deficiencies or irregularities of their sons or wards, and shall, at the end of each term, furnish the Board of Trustees an accurate list of all the students who may have been connected with the College during that term, with the dates of their admission and departure, and a specification of the sums which they ought respectively to have paid into the Treasury, with which list the committee on the Treasurer's accounts shall compare the entries in the Treasurer's books; and the Treasurer shall be responsible for any deficiency which shall appear to have resulted from his fault or negligence.

13. In all cases of sentence of suspension or expulsion by the Faculty, the right of appeal from such sentence to the Board of Trustees shall be allowed to the student.

CHAPTER III.

ADMISSION INTO COLLEGE.

1. In the department of the ancient classics, there shall be four classes—the Freshman, Sophomore, Junior and Senior—and in the department of English literature, three classes—the first, second and third.

2. The requisites for admission into the Freshman's Class, are an acquaintance with the English, Latin, and Greek Grammars, a knowledge of Arithmetic and Geography, an ability to construe and parse Cicero's Select Orations, Virgil, Jacob's Greek Reader, and testimonials of good moral character.

3. The requisites for admission into the Third English Class of the College Proper, are a knowledge of Reading, Writing, English Grammar, Arithmetic, Geography, and testimonials of good moral character.
4. Students approved on examination, may be admitted to any of the classes of the College Proper. Each student, on entering the same, shall pay to the Treasurer an entrance fee of five dollars, and fifteen dollars tuition at the beginning of each of the two College Sessions. If said student be admitted one month after the commencement of a session, he shall then be entitled to a proportionate abatement of tuition.

5. Every student, on entering College, shall pay the Librarian twenty-five cents for a copy of the laws, and before joining his class, shall subscribe the following declaration, in a book kept for that purpose: "I do solemnly promise to obey all the laws and regulations of Transylvania University, so long as I shall be a member of this institution. This declaration I make on my faith and honour."

CHAPTER IV.

LITERARY AND OTHER EXERCISES.

1. There shall be three recitations or literary exercises in each class, the first immediately after morning prayers, the second at eleven o'clock. A. M. the third one hour before evening prayers. On Saturday, however, there shall be only one morning exercise.

2. On the first Tuesday in March, there shall be an annual exhibition, part in which shall be assigned to select scholars of the two upper classes; reference being had in the selection to scholarship, to general conduct, and to speaking talent.

3. There shall be two public examinations, which shall take place the last week of each College session, to which the Trustees, and literary and scientific gentlemen generally, shall be invited. The last senior examination shall take place on the last Wednesday in August. These examinations shall be conducted in the most thorough and exact manner, so as to exhibit as far as possible to the guardians and friends of the institution the evidences of diligence and acquirements of each individual.

4. Persons may also be selected by the Faculty from the lower classes to speak selected pieces at the examinations, when judged expedient. But nothing shall be spoken by a student, under any pretense, at an examination, exhibition, or commencement, which has not been approved by the President.

5. Five, or more students, from the upper classes, shall declaim in rotation selected pieces in the Chapel every evening immediately after prayers, and original pieces may be occasionally required. No student shall be allowed, on any occasion, to express approbation or disapprobation of the speaking of a fellow student in a noisy or riotous manner.

6. The Senior Class, under the immediate direction of the President, and the Junior and Sophomore classes, under the direction of proper officers, shall devote at least one half day in each week to speaking and composition, in such manner as the President shall prescribe, and shall be translated reading or speaking. They shall have their rhetorical exercises with those in their class.

7. Students are forbidden, during the exercise, to talk, whisper, or make any noise in a recitation room except at the request by the teacher.

8. Any student who shall absent himself to perform any public exercise assigned to him, without good excuse, or who shall neglect to perform the duties assigned to him, shall be subject to fine and imprisonment, and shall be considered degenerate.

9. The liberty of conscience being respected, the right of every religious denomination, sentiments, is fully allowed.

10. Every student is required, on the exercises and diversions, from playing in the exercise, to perform a part in sacred psalmody, and in retirement and seclusion of the day, and in the exercise.

11. The President is to direct at what exercises and study hours, and while a body, the Faculty shall have the direction and interference with the exercises of College.

12. For any absence from one or more, it is his neglect to perform him the service of the day, or if the same be from the necessity of the officer, who shall be absent without notice, no student shall be absent from the order of the officer with whom he is absent.

13. No absence from any literary exercise for any reason, shall be without notice, and if a notice, the same shall be given at the same time on the order of the President, and the President shall be the examiner of the same.

14. Whenever a student is frequently absent at the same time, his general conduct not good, and if the student, after warning, does not improve, the President shall be the examiner of the same.

15. No student shall, during term time, sleep in the college hall, or do any thing unlawful, or to the prejudice of the peace and good order of the College.

16. Every teacher shall keep an exact account of his classes, and carefully mark all absentees.
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entering the same, shall pay to the
fifteen dollars tuition at the begin-
ning of the term, and student be admitted the same
month shall then be entitled to a propor-
tion shall pay the Librarian twenty-five
dollars for his class, shall subscribe the fol-
gins: "I do solemnly promise
Virginia University, so long as I
this declaration I make on my faith

V.

EXERCISES.

8.

Writing exercises in each class, the first
and at eleven o'clock, A. M. the third
day, however, there shall be only
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as the President shall prescribe, and the Freshman Class one half day each week
to translation reading or speaking. The English Classes will be associated in
their rhetoric exercises with those in the classical department.

7. Students are forbidden, during the time of lecture recitation or devotional
exercise, to talk, whisper, or make any manner of disturbance, or to use any text-
book in a recitation room except at the recitation of the languages, unless re-
quested by the teacher.

8. Any student who shall absent himself from a public examination, or fail
to perform any part of an exercise assigned him, shall be liable to admonition or
degradation.

9. The liberty of conscience being secured by the constitution of Kentucky,
the right of every religious denomination to enjoy, without molestation, its
sentiments, is fully allowed.

10. Every student is required, on the Sabbath day, to refrain from the usual
exercises and diversions, from playing on instruments of music, except to per-
form a part in sacred psalmody, and from anything which is unbecoming the
retirement and sacredness of the day.

11. The President is to direct at what time the bell is to be rung for College
exercises and study hours, and while a boarding-house is attached to the Universi-
ity, the Faculty shall have the direction of the hours for meals to prevent their
interference with the exercises of College.

12. For every absence from, or tardiness at recitations or prayers, for defi-
cency in a lesson or neglecting to furnish a theme, or to declaim, a student is
liable to admonition, and if such absence or deficiency be frequent, to dismis-
sion. No student shall be absent from any particular exercise except by per-
mission of the officer with whom that exercise is to be performed, unless he have
leave of absence from town.

13. No absence from any literary exercise shall be considered as an excuse for
the want of preparation in the same as the daily reviews and quarterly examina-
tions; and every deficiency in an exercise, whether by absence from it or an im-
perfect learning of the same, must be made up within a reasonable time in or-
der to the student's retaining a standing in his class.

14. Whenever a student is frequently absent from the exercises, or deficient
in the same, or his general conduct not good, it shall be the duty of the Faculty,
at the end of the term, or sooner, if judged expedient, to inform the parent or
guardian of his absence and deficiencies. In punishment of idleness, any
instructor may require study in hours of relaxation, or the Faculty may require
study in vacation.

15. No student shall, during term time, attend the instruction of any other
person than a College officer without permission from the Faculty.

16. Every teacher shall keep an exact roll of each class attending his instruc-
tions, and carefully mark all absences.
CHAPTER V.
CRIMES AND MISDEMEANORS.

1. It is earnestly desired and confidently expected by the Trustees and Faculty, that the students will be influenced to good conduct and literary exertion by higher motives than the fear of punishment: but when such motives fail, it will be the duty of the Faculty, with paternal solicitude, to endeavor by conversation, admonition, and warning, to save the delinquent so long as it may be done, without injury to the institution. When these means are ineffectual, they will proceed to give official notice to parents or guardians, and when the case may require it, inflict the punishment of suspension, public or private dismission, degradation, or expulsion.

2. If any student shall be guilty of profaneness, intoxication or dissotance, or of lying, profane or obscene language, or fighting or assailing any person, or visiting places of public amusement in term time, or of gambling, or playing at any unlawful game—he shall be admonished, suspended, dismissed, or expelled.

3. If any student shall fight a duel, or send or accept a challenge to fight a duel, or carry such challenge, or be a second in a duel, or in any way aid or abet it, or abuse a fellow student for refusing to fight, or be concerned in a duel, he shall be immediately expelled.

4. A student shall not join or leave a class, or occupy a room in College, or change his room, without permission of the President.

5. No student shall go to a tavern or any other public house for the purpose of entertainment or amusement, without permission from an instructor.

6. If any student offending against the laws, shall presume to leave the University without a certificate from the Faculty of his conduct and standing whilst there, it shall be at the discretion of the Faculty to make the name of such offender public, with the nature and degree of the offence.

7. The students are required to treat all persons with decency and propriety, but especially to exhibit the most respectful deportment to the officers and Trustees of the College. If a student shall disobey any of the lawful commands of his teachers, or shall, either in speech or action, manifest any disrespect towards any of them, or shall refuse to appear personally before them, or any one of them, when requested so to do, he shall be admonished, suspended, or expelled, according to the nature of the offence.

8. No student, suspended or expelled from College, shall enter the edifice or come on the College grounds without permission from the President; nor shall the other students of the College visit or keep company with such student without a similar permission.

9. No student shall, without permission, entertain company in his room, or make any festival entertainment, either in College or in the town of Lexington, or take part in any thing of the kind.

10. No meeting of a class, nor any act of the permission of the President.

11. No classes or societies shall be held, unless a statement of the design which they are destined to bring given to the President, and

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2. No student is allowed to board or nor shall a student board at any other place, under penalty of the highest punishment.

3. No student shall occupy a room in College, or do so for the purpose of taking up the same.

CHAPTER III.

1. The Trustees or Faculty shall appoint the duties of his office according to the rules which are not provided for by the rules.

2. It shall be the duty of the Librarian to receive all books, whether donations or books kept for that purpose, and to add as many as may be ready for use. He shall distribute the books to the students, and the students shall be responsible for the books, and the same.

3. The library shall be opened not less than the President may designate, the books manner as the librarian may direct.
CHAPTER VI.

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or expelled from College, shall enter the edifice or without permission from the President; nor shall they visit or keep company with such student without permission, entertain company in his room, or visit, either in College or in the town of Lexington, of the kind.

10. No meeting of a class, nor assembly of students, shall be held without the permission of the President.

11. No clubs or societies shall be formed in College for any purpose whatever, unless a statement of the design of such association, with the rules by which they are governed, and their hours of meeting, be previously submitted to the Faculty, and receive their approbation.

CHAPTER VI.

ROOMS AND BOARDING.

1. The officers of College may visit the rooms of the students at any hour of the day or night, whenever they shall have reason to suspect a violation of the laws. If any student shall refuse to admit an officer to his room, it shall be considered as a misdemeanor, and punished accordingly.

2. No student is allowed to board or room at a house of public entertainment; nor shall a student board at any other house which the Faculty disapprove, under penalty of the highest punishment.

3. No student shall occupy a room in College during vacation, unless requested to do so for the purpose of taking care of the buildings.

CHAPTER VII.

LIBRARY.

1. The Trustees or Faculty shall appoint a Librarian, who shall execute the duties of his office agreeably to the directions of the Faculty, in all matters which are not provided for by the rules established by the Trustees.

2. It shall be the duty of the Librarian to keep the library in good order, to receive all books, whether donations or purchased, to enter the same in the books kept for that purpose, and to add them to the written catalogue at such times as may be convenient. He shall call in all books from the officers of instruction and the students on the last day of each term, excepting from such officers as shall remain during the vacation, and all books, without exception, on the week next preceding commencement. He shall record and collect all fines incurred for violation of library laws; Provided, that every student fined by a librarian, professor or tutor, may have the liberty of appealing to the President for remission or remitting the same.

3. The library shall be opened not less than once each week, at such time as the President may designate, the books to be delivered out in such order and manner as the Librarian may direct.
4. The use of the library shall be extended to the Trustees, President, Professors and Tutors free of expense, and to students of the three upper classical and two upper English classes. All money received from library fines shall be expended for the support and increase of the library, under the direction of the President, who shall render an annual account to the Trustees in September of the amount and expenditure of the library money. If any book be lost or greatly damaged, it shall be replaced by a new one or three smaller; if belonging to a set, the whole set to be replaced. If not replaced, the Librarian shall charge such person with at least the amount for which such book or set can be replaced.

5. If a Trustee or member of the Faculty desire to consult a book in the library without taking it from the room, it shall be the duty of the Librarian to attend him for that purpose.

6. No student may take out of his possession, more than one book, which he may keep for a week, or one quarter, which he may keep two weeks, or one octavo or duodecimo, which he may keep two weeks. For any book not returned at the time specified, the person borrowing shall pay for every fo-

7. No student, while receiving books, may take down any from the shelves.

8. Such books are very valuable for the place, or for the purity or antiquity, and others specified by the Faculty, are to be held as marks of reference, and to be consulted only in the library.

9. The officers of instruction may not move than fifteen volumes from the library at one time.

10. The privileges of the library shall be withheld from such students, instructors and trustees as shall have incurred fines under the preceding regulations, until such fines shall have been paid.

11. Should there be any books in the library which any student may wish to use as text-books for their daily recitations, such books may be loaned to them by the Librarian on their payment of such sum as the Faculty may determine.

12. No student shall lend or borrow any book taken from the library, under penalty of twenty-five cents for every offence.

CHAPTER II.

EXPENSE

1. Tuition in College Proper, shall be throughout the year, except for College fees, which shall be paid quarterly in conformity with the regulation of the President in the Preparatory Department, in the same way. No student shall be allowed to

2. The Trustees may, at their discretion, prescribe the amount of tuition by requiring a part of
CHAPTER VII.

VACATIONS, DISMISSALS, AND ABSENCES.

1. The College year shall be divided into two sessions. The first vacation shall begin on the second Monday in March, and continue six weeks; the second shall begin on the last Thursday in September, the day after commencement in College Prayor, and continue until the first Monday in November.

2. All students are amenable to the laws of the College for their moral conduct, whether present or absent.

3. Every student is required to return to College on the first day of every session.

4. No excuse shall be admitted for absence except sickness or other special reason, for which the proper certificate shall be presented to the President.

5. No student shall be permitted to absent himself in term time, except in case of absolute necessity, or at the request of the parent or guardian, in writing.

6. Any student desirous to leave College before the completion of his course, shall, if a minor, produce from his parent or guardian a written certificate or statement that such is his wish, and the President is authorized to give him such certificate of dismissal as he may desire.

7. In every certificate of dismissal, the reasons of dismissal shall be specified, and the student's standing as a scholar particularly mentioned.

8. Every unexcused student shall be required to pay the whole College charges, unless he shall be absent longer than one half of a term on account of sickness or some other urgent necessity which may be satisfactory to the Faculty, in which case he shall pay the half of said charges.

CHAPTER IX.

EXPENSES.

1. Tuition in College Prayor shall be thirty dollars per year, one half payable at the beginning of each session, except for those sent by subscribers to the College fund, who pay quarterly in conformity with the terms of the subscription, Tuition in the Preparatory Department shall be twenty-five dollars, payable in the same way. No student shall be allowed to reside unless the College dues are paid.

2. The Trustees may, at their discretion, assist poor and promising youths in requiring an education by remitting a part or the whole of the College charges.
CHAPTER X.

COMMENCEMENT.

1. The Commencement shall be held on the last Wednesday in September, at which time public exercises shall be performed by such members of the Senior Class, and by such candidates for the Master's Degree as the Faculty may appoint. The rest of the Senior Class shall be required to write dissertations, or to execute Mathematical calculations or Astronomical projections.

2. Each member of the class shall furnish his exercise to the President or other officer having charge of correcting and approving it, at least fifteen days before commencement.

3. No student shall be considered as a candidate for the first degree, unless he has honourably sustained all his examinations, and has performed every exercise which may have been assigned him, nor until he produces a certificate from the Treasurer and Librarian that all his College dues, including the customary graduation fee of five dollars, have been paid. If these requisitions be not complied with before six o'clock on the evening before commencement, his degree may be refused.

4. Bachelors of three years standing, and of good moral character, may be admitted to the second degree upon a reasonable application to the President or Faculty, and with the consent of the Trustees, on the payment of the customary fees.

5. Persons who have received a degree from any other College or University, may, with the approbation of the Faculty and Trustees, be admitted on payment of the same fees which they would have paid had they originally received the same degree at this institution.

6. Honorary degrees, conferred on account of distinguished merit, shall be free of charge.

7. Resident graduates, pursuing their studies at the University, shall have liberty to attend the lectures of the professors, and to receive books from the library.

THE END.