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REGULATIONS

FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF

West Virginia Agricultural College.

CHAPTER I.

OBJECT OF THE COLLEGE.

1. By the Act of Congress, approved July 2, 1862, the object of this Institution is declared to be, "*to promote the liberal and practical education of the industrial classes in the several pursuits and professions in life.*"

CHAPTER II.

OF THE FACULTY.

1. The Faculty of the College shall consist of a President, Vice President, and such Professors and Teachers as the Board of Visitors may, from time to time, appoint.

2. Extraordinary Professors and Visitors, temporarily appointed or licensed, shall not be considered as members of the Faculty.

3. The Faculty have authority to make all orders and regulations necessary to the performance of their duties. They have the general control and direction of the studies pursued in the College. They have cognizance of all offences committed by Undergraduates, and it is their special duty *individually* and collectively, to enforce the observance of all the laws and regulations for maintaining discipline and promoting order, virtue, piety, and good learning in the Institution.

4. They are authorized to license Teachers of the polite accomplishments, and of exercises conducive to health, and

the students are not permitted to attend Teachers not thus licensed.

5. They shall meet from time to time, on their own adjournment. Any three, of whom the President must be one, shall constitute a quorum. They shall appoint a Secretary, who shall keep a record of their proceedings. Each member shall have a free and equal voice in all deliberations and conclusions; but, in case the votes are equally divided, the President shall have the casting vote in addition to his vote as a member of the Faculty.

6. If any member of the Faculty wishes to dissolve his connection with the Board, he shall give sixty days notice; and he shall be entitled to a like notice from the Board.

7. An exemplary diligence in study and in the communication of knowledge and performance of every moral and religious duty, is required of the Faculty and Teachers. They shall, unless excused, attend all public exercises of the College during the week and on the Sabbath.

8. They shall recommend to the Board of Visitors, at the annual meeting, such members of the Senior Class, in the several Departments of the College, as shall have satisfactorily completed the course of study in said Departments, and as they shall deem worthy to receive the Degree of Bachelor of Arts, or Bachelor of Science, in regular course; and upon the day of Annual Commencement, in each and every year, they shall publicly, through the President, grant and confirm, by the authority in them vested, the Degree aforesaid, to so many of the classes aforesaid respectively, as the Board of Visitors shall approve.

9. They may, in like manner, nominate to the Board of Visitors, such persons having been graduated A. B., or S. B., for three or more years, and having paid the prescribed fee, as they may deem deserving of the second or Master's Degree in the Arts or in Science, which Degree they shall confer as in the former case upon the approval of the Board of Visitors.

10. The Faculty may recommend other persons as worthy to receive the first, second, or higher degrees in the Liberal Arts and in Science; and on receiving the approval of the Board of Visitors, shall confer said degrees.

11. No member of the Faculty or regular Teacher in the College, shall engage in any occupation or pursuit which will interfere with the stated and punctual discharge of the duties of his office, unless permitted to do so by the Board of Visitors.

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12. No member of the Faculty shall connect himself or continue connected with any secret college fraternity, whether now in existence, or which may be formed hereafter; and all the members of the Faculty are required to exert their influence for the suppression of all such secret associations.

13. The Faculty shall enact a system of grading, government and administration, which shall be uniform in all the departments so far as is practicable. They have adequate power for all ordinary cases of order and discipline. The rank of the President shall be first; Vice President, second, and that of the Professors shall be severally as their seniority in office.

14. It shall be the duty of the President, as the Head of the College, to superintend all its interests, in every department, as he may deem expedient; to preside at all meetings of the Faculty and public assemblages of the College, and to see that the ordinances are observed by Professors and Teachers, as well as by Students. In his absence the Vice President, and in the absence of both President and Vice President, the senior Professor present shall take his place and be clothed with his authority, *pro tempore*.

CHAPTER III.

OF ADMISSION AND MATRICULATION.

1. Every candidate for admission into any Department of College, shall produce satisfactory evidence of a good moral character, and if he shall have been connected with any other College, he shall produce a certificate from the authorities of that College of his regular and honorable dismissal and standing.

2. The qualifications for admission shall, from time to time, be determined by the Faculty, subject to the approbation of the Board of Visitors.

3. No student shall be admitted to an advanced standing, unless he be found, on examination, to be equal to the class for which he is a candidate.

4. No person shall be admitted into the Senior class after the beginning of the College year.

5. If any candidate for any class give evidence that he is capable of pursuing the studies of that class—although de-

ficient in certain branches—he may be admitted on condition of making up such deficiency; and all such cases, with the proper limitation of time for each within which such deficiency is to be made up, are referred to the discretion of the Faculty.

6. No person shall be admitted into College but by vote of the Faculty, taken after his testimonials have been submitted and his examination passed.

7. Every student shall be matriculated in the presence of the Faculty, by recording the name and the address of his father or guardian, his own age and residence, and signing his name to the following agreement, in a book kept for the purpose:

“Being admitted as a member of the College, I promise and bind myself to obey the laws, rules and regulations of the same; to conduct myself with propriety; to be diligent in study; to be respectful to the Faculty, and to deport myself as a gentleman in morality and courtesy among my fellow students, and in the community generally.

“Witness my hand.”

CHAPTER IV.

OF THE COURSE OF STUDY.

1. Instruction shall be given in the usual Academic, Collegiate and Scientific branches, including Agriculture and Military Tactics, as set forth in the Curriculum of Study.

2. The Faculty shall cause to be published, once a year, a circular, in which shall be set forth the distribution of those studies throughout the several departments and classes.

3. At the beginning of each session, and as much oftener as to the President may seem expedient, there shall be a meeting of the officers of instruction in which shall be assigned to each his part; Provided nothing more shall be assigned to the President over and above his proper chair than he shall voluntarily accept; and that the other Professors severally shall have the branches they profess included in their parts of the distribution. The frequency with which each class shall recite shall be determined at these meetings.

CHAPTER V.

OF THE COLLEGE YEAR.

1. The public Commencement shall be held on the third Thursday in June of each year.

2. The College shall include three sessions or terms of study as follows, to wit:

The *first* term shall begin the first Monday of September and continue thirteen weeks.

The *second* term shall begin within a week or so after the close of the first term, and, not including the week between Christmas and New Year's, continue thirteen weeks.

The *third* term shall begin within a week after the close of second term and continue until Commencement.

CHAPTER VI.

EXAMINATIONS.

1. The several classes shall be examined at the close of each session, upon the studies of the session, and at the close of the year upon the studies of the year.

2. These examinations shall be oral, or written, or both, as may best test the proficiency of the student; they shall be conducted by or in the presence of at least two members of the Faculty beside the Professor in charge. With these may be associated such gentlemen as may be invited for the purpose.

3. The examination of the Senior Class may be held five weeks before Commencement.

CHAPTER VII.

GRADES AND HONORS.

1. Students shall receive from each Professor marks of merit or demerit, according to an equitable and uniform scale, for their attendance, punctuality, propriety of conduct, diligence and attainments. A monthly report of these marks shall be made to the Faculty and entered into a Register, to be considered in subsequent and general estimates of their merit and conduct.

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2. At the close of each term, or oftener, a report shall be made to the parent or guardian, of the standing of the student for that term; also at the end of the year for that year, including the maximum of the class, the average and the attainable.

3. A roll of the Senior Class shall be made out, after their final examination, in the order of their general merit, and so reported to the Board of Visitors.

4. No Undergraduate shall be passed from one class to another above it, nor be recommended for a degree, whose standing shall not, in the aggregate, be equal to a certain minimum of what is attainable, to be fixed by the Faculty.

5. Honors, not exceeding four, shall be conferred on such members of the Senior Class as shall be found worthy;— Provided, that no honor be given to any whose grade is less than a certain minimum on an attainable scale to be fixed by the Faculty.

CHAPTER VIII.

ORATIONS AND ADDRESSES.

1. Declamations and exercises in Oratory shall be had every week, at such time and place as the Faculty may direct. These shall be assigned to the students in rotation; nor shall any student be exempt from them, except on account of natural impediments or other disqualifications, of which the Faculty, or President, may judge.

2. The orations pronounced by the Senior Class shall be of their own composition.

3. On Commencement day candidates for degrees shall perform such exercises as may be assigned them, unless for satisfactory reasons excused by the Faculty. All the exercises of Commencement, the number of the students and the number of each department represented, shall be at the discretion of the Faculty.

4. All original orations by Undergraduates to be pronounced in the presence of the College or of the public, shall be submitted to the President for correction or approval at least ten days before delivery.

5. Nothing indecent, immoral or disrespectful to the Government of the College shall at any time be delivered on the public stage, under penalty of such censure as the Faculty, or the Executive Committee, by their reference, shall judge proper.

6. No person shall be invited to address the Societies, or the students of the College, upon anniversaries or other occasions, whose name has not first been submitted to the Faculty and received their approval.

CHAPTER IX.

RELIGIOUS WORSHIP and INSTRUCTION.

1. Prayer and reading of the Scriptures shall be had with the members of the College at the beginning of the exercises of each day of the week; on which services, and also on some approved public worship, all are expected to attend punctually and with due reverence.

2. Every student is required on Sabbath to abstain from all behavior inconsistent with that sacred day.

3. Any student may be allowed to attend on Sabbath the public service of any denomination of Christians having a place of worship in Morgantown, on his application to the President in writing, if of legal age; or if a minor, on the application of his parent or guardian, stating that such worship is that in which he has been educated, or which from conscientious motives he is desirous of attending.

CHAPTER X.

LITERARY AND OTHER SOCIETIES.

1. The Literary Societies existing and approved at the time of the transfer of Monongalia Academy and Woodburn Seminary to the State, shall be recognized and encouraged. They shall be under the protection and control of the Faculty, and their property under the guardianship of the Board of Visitors.

2. Other Societies for literary and religious purposes may also be authorized by the Faculty.

3. Their meetings shall be at such hours as the Faculty may approve.

4. They shall have power to adopt any such regulations as they may think proper for the management of their business during the period prescribed for their meetings; except that it shall be unlawful to admit to their halls any of their members, who have been expelled, dismissed or suspended from the College, during the period of their suspension or dismissal.

5. Resistance or disobedience to the requisitions and regulations of the Faculty, by any Society, shall subject the same to the closing of their doors and suspension of their privileges by the Faculty.

6. Secret societies or organizations among the students of the College are condemned, and shall be discouraged, and the members thereof shall be subjected to such admonition and discipline as the Faculty shall deem best adapted to effect the abandonment and suppression of such organizations.

CHAPTER XI.

RATES OF TUITION.

1. The charges for Tuition shall be, for Spelling, Reading, Writing, Primary Geography and Mental Arithmetic in the Primary Department, three dollars (\$3.00) per Term; for other studies in the Preparatory Department, five dollars (\$5.00) per Term; and for the different departments in the College proper, eight dollars (\$8.00), per Term.

2. The matriculation fees shall be, for the Freshman Class two dollars (\$2.00), the Sophomore Class, four dollars (\$4.00), the Junior Class six dollars (\$6.00), and the Senior Class eight dollars (\$8.00.)

3. The contingent fee shall be, one dollar (\$1.00) in the Preparatory Department, and two dollars (\$2.00) in the College Classes per Term. Each student must have a copy of the College Laws, to be furnished at cost.

4. All fees shall be paid in advance at the beginning of the Term in which they fall due; and no student shall be admitted to recitation in any class, until he shall have handed in the Treasurer's receipt for such payments.

CHAPTER XII.

MISCELLANEOUS.

1. No student shall absent himself from any recitation of his class without permission of the officer whose duty it may be to preside at that exercise; nor shall he leave the immediate precincts of the College without the written permission of President or Vice President.

2. Strict attention to the studies prescribed by the Faculty will be required, and habitual idleness will insure dismissal from the college.
3. Indecent and profane language, rude and boisterous conduct, tipping, frequenting taverns, inns, beer-houses, places of mere idle amusement and resort of bad company, gambling, betting, games of chance, smoking tobacco within the college enclosure, or carrying concealed firearms or other deadly weapons, and every other species of vulgar and immoral conduct, are absolutely forbidden, and will subject the offender to punishment.
4. No student will be expected to inform on a fellow student, nor to criminate himself, but when called on as a witness in a particular offense, he shall be required to give full and true testimony.
5. Any student may be privately dismissed, or suspended, or reprimanded, or required to apologize by the Faculty for cause. Public expulsion shall be resorted to only in extreme cases, and shall require a majority of the Faculty and Executive Committee.
6. General meetings of the students are prohibited, unless the consent of the President, Vice President, or a presiding member of the Faculty be obtained. Public meetings of any Class must be previously authorized by some member of the Faculty.
7. No student shall be publicly suspended or expelled until he has had the opportunity of explaining or defending his conduct before the Faculty; but the Faculty shall have power to dismiss from the College privately, without the formalities of a trial, such students as are habitually idle or disorderly, or whose example and influence are pernicious to others.
8. Every member of the Graduating Class shall be present at Commencement, unless excused by the Faculty, for special and good reasons.
9. The College Library and all Museums of Curiosities, Coins or Minerals belonging to the College, shall be under the control of the Faculty, who shall appoint the proper custodians for the same, and ordain the necessary regulations for their keeping and use.
10. Any Law or Ordinance of the College may be repealed, amended, or temporarily suspended at any regular meeting of the Board of Visitors, by a majority of the Board.

