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**CONSTITUTION & LAWS**

**OF THE**

**INSTITUTION OF LEARNING**

**UNDER THE CARE OF THE**

**MISSISSIPPI PRESBYTERY.**

*Oakland college, Oakland, Cal.*  
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# CONSTITUTION AND LAWS, &c.

## CHAPTER I.

### OF THE DESIGN OF THE INSTITUTION.

**Section 1.** **T**HE object of this Institution is to provide the means of a liberal education for the youth of our country, adapted to the wants of the community.

2. The friends of it hope to accomplish this object by locating a permanent institution, and furnishing it with the necessary funds, officers, teachers, library and philosophical apparatus—by making provision for a thorough collegiate course of studies, and moral and religious instruction—by making the terms of tuition so low, as to be within the power of all our citizens to enjoy the means of instruction; and by giving these advantages to the poor gratuitously.

3. It is, further, the object of the friends of this Institution to provide for the education of poor and pious young men for the gospel ministry, and the theological studies of all candidates for the gospel ministry in our bounds, who may desire to avail themselves of such advantages.

## CHAPTER II.

### OF THE PRESBYTERY.

**Sec. 1.** This Institution shall be under the direction of the Mississippi Presbytery as hereinafter provided.

2. The Presbytery shall appoint a Board of Trustees, consisting of twelve members. Of this number, at the first election, one third shall be appointed for one year, one third for two years, and one third for three years; and at all future elections one third shall be appointed annually, and continue in office three years.

3. The appointment of Instructors and of all other permanent officers shall be made, and all other salaries fixed by the Presbytery.

4. No appropriation of funds shall be made unless by order of the Presbytery.

5. The Presbytery shall observe a most strict regard, in appropriating all funds according to the intention of the donors.

6. The Presbytery shall have power to add to the articles of the laws of this Institution, and of altering and amending them; and of removing any officer from the Institution, at any regular meeting, by a vote of two thirds of the members present—provided always, that notice be given of the contemplated addition, alteration and removal, to all the members of Presbytery three months previously.

7. And in case this Presbytery should ever be divided, that Presbytery retaining the present name shall hold the control of this institution until a Synod embracing the territory which is now embraced within the limits of this Presbytery shall be organized, when the control shall be resigned into the hands of said Synod, and this Institution shall hold the same relation to the Synod which it now holds to the Presbytery.

all the Students shall be present, unless having previously obtained leave of absence from the President.

3. A biblical lecture shall be attended every Sabbath afternoon by all the Faculty and Students, at such time and place as the President shall direct.

4. It is enjoined upon all the Students to observe the Christian Sabbath as holy and sacred to the duties of religion; and all amusements and recreations shall be avoided, which are inconsistent with their duties.

5. As it is the right of every religious denomination to enjoy its peculiar sentiments and modes of worship, it is ordered that the officers of College in their instructions avoid every species of sectarianism.

## CHAPTER X.

### OF THE DEPARTMENT AND DRESS OF THE STUDENTS.

*Sec. 1.* The Students are to consider themselves and each other as young gentlemen associated for purposes of mutual improvement, and are to behave themselves accordingly; avoiding all turbulence, rudeness and violence.

2. They are to treat the President, Professors, and Tutors, on all occasions, with profound respect, obeying implicitly all their lawful commands, and in every respect so demeaning themselves as those should, who know that their character for correct behaviour is not less important than their character for intellectual acquirements.

3. They shall treat all persons with whom they have intercourse with decency and respect.

4. It is enjoined on all the Students to be neat and economical in their dress; and if any Student be negligent in either of these respects it shall be the duty of the Faculty to censure him according to the nature of his offences.

## CHAPTER XI.

### OF MISDEMEANORS, OFFENCES AND PUNISHMENTS.

*Sec. 1.* Neglect of study—interrupting the studies of others—profaneness—playing at games of cards or chance—duelling, or aiding or abetting it—wearing or carrying a dirk or other deadly weapon—intemperance in any degree—keeping company with persons of known immoral character—resorting to places of expensive amusement, & every other species of immoral conduct, of which the Faculty are the sole judges, are offences; and shall be punished as hereinafter directed.

2. The punishments of the Institution shall be admonition, rebuke, suspension and expulsion.

3. The Faculty shall apply these punishments, except expulsion; and whenever the offence in their estimation shall merit expulsion, the President shall convoke the Board of Trustees, and lay before them, the facts in the case for their decision. But the Board shall act exclusively on the written report of the Faculty.

## CHAPTER XII.

### OF EXAMINATIONS AND VACATIONS.

*Sec. 1.* There shall be two Public Examinations in each