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COLLEGE LAWS.

CHAPTER I.

OF THE OFFICERS OF THE COLLEGE GENERALLY.

1. The officers of the college are the president, professors, and tutors.

2. They are responsible to the trustees for the full execution of the laws of the institution, and for the suitable and faithful instruction of the students.

3. They are not to engage in any pursuit or occupation that will interfere with the stated and punctual discharge of all their official duties, without the consent of the Board of trustees.

4. It is the duty of every officer individually, to use his utmost vigilance and exertion to carry into complete effect the laws of the college.

5. An exemplary regard to moral and religious duties is indispensable in every officer of the college.

6. The arrangement of the studies, lectures, and other exercises of the college shall be made and published by the Faculty at the beginning of each college year, subject to such subsequent modifications as may be found necessary.

7. All the officers of the college have the right to enter the rooms and studies of the students, or to visit them at their pleasure.

CHAPTER II.

OF THE PRESIDENT.

1. To the president is committed the general superintendence of the interests and reputation of the institution, which

he is bound to promote and maintain by every exertion in his power.

2. He has a right to be present at the recitation of any class in the college, as often as he may judge proper, and to conduct or hear the recitation, if he choose.

3. He will take such branches of instruction in the college, into his own hands, as he may judge that the number of other teachers in the institution and his own convenience render necessary and proper.

4. He is to see that prayers are made with the students morning and evening, and that public worship be celebrated with them on the Lord's Day. And he is also to give to the students a course of Biblical instruction.

5. He is, ex-officio, president of the faculty when present with them, and also the administrator of their decisions in cases of discipline.

6. He is to preside at examinations, and at commencements, and he is to confer all degrees.

CHAPTER III.

OF THE PROFESSORS.

1. The professors shall be responsible for the faithful instruction of the students in those departments of science and literature which they shall severally profess.

2. In the absence of the president, the senior professor present shall convene and preside in the faculty. Seniority to be determined by the date of their appointment, unless the trustees may otherwise direct.

3. The professors shall severally be responsible for the preservation of the apparatus and specimens belonging to their respective departments.

CHAPTER IV.

OF THE TUTORS.

1. The duty of the tutors in the instruction of the college is to assist the professors in teaching, and to perform such

other services as may be assigned them agreeably to chap. 1st, art. 6th.

2. The tutors must live in the college edifices, unless prevented by sickness.

3. To the tutors is specially committed the preservation of order and decorum in the college edifices.

4. The tutors shall frequently visit the rooms of the students; and they shall carefully note delinquent students, that they may be dealt with as the faculty shall determine.

CHAPTER V.

OF THE FACULTY OF THE COLLEGE.

1. The faculty of the college shall consist of the president, professors, and tutors, including all of them not specially excepted by the board of trustees.

2. It shall be the duty of all the members of the faculty to attend its regular meetings, and a majority of them shall, when convened after due notice, constitute a quorum.

3. Every matter brought before the faculty shall be decided by vote; and it shall be the privilege of the president of the college, when present, to vote in all cases that come before the faculty, and also to give a casting vote when otherwise there would be a tie.

4. The faculty shall keep a book of records or minutes, and appoint a clerk, who shall enter therein a fair statement of their transactions, resolutions and determinations; which book the clerk shall lay before the trustees, at each of their stated meetings.

5. The faculty shall, from time to time, make needful regulations respecting absences and disorder marks, and give them to the students entering the college, along with a copy of the laws.

CHAPTER VI.

OF DAMAGES AND REPAIRS.

1. The treasurer shall inspect the colleges and see that the rooms and entries be kept in good repair.

2. The treasurer shall visit all the apartments of the colleges frequently, to see if any damage has been done, and shall cause it immediately to be repaired. In all cases of wanton injury or wilful destruction of college property, the offender, if discovered, shall pay the cost of restoring it, and be otherwise dealt with as the faculty may judge proper. In all other cases the damage may be assessed equally on all the students, or, in special cases, upon such portion of them as the faculty may determine.

CHAPTER VII.

OF THE LIBRARIAN AND LIBRARY.

1. The librarian shall execute the duties of his office agreeably to the direction of the faculty in all matters which are not provided for by the rules established by the trustees.

2. At the commencement of each session, every student shall pay to the treasurer one dollar for the use and increase of the library.

3. The librarian shall attend at the library not less than five days in the week, during the session, at the hours specified in the annual catalogue, to give out books subject to such conditions as may be prescribed.

4. He shall keep another book for the purpose of recording all additions made to the library, with the date of their reception, and if they are presents, the name and place of abode of the donor; and these books shall be immediately entered in the catalogue.

5. No student or other person except members of the faculty, shall be allowed to take out of the library at one time more than two volumes, which shall be returned before they shall have liberty to take out any other books.

6. The librarian shall permit no student to keep a book longer than two weeks. Every person who receives a book from the library shall be answerable for all injury done to

it while in his possession; if lost, defaced, or torn, he shall pay a sum in proportion to the damage caused, or replace it at the discretion of the faculty.

7. Any person, except a member of the faculty, who shall keep a book longer than two weeks shall be fined five cents for each day during which it is so kept.

8. No person on whom a fine shall have been imposed, shall be allowed to take a book from the library, till the fine be paid.

9. The members of the faculty may retain in their keeping books belonging to the branches which they teach, as long as to the librarian it shall appear that the general interest of the institution will permit; provided that this time does not extend beyond that session of the college during which the books shall be taken out of the library.

10. No person, not immediately connected with the college, or theological seminary, shall be permitted to take a book from the library, without depositing with the librarian the value of the whole set to which it belongs, which shall be forfeited immediately after the expiration of the time above specified, if the book be not returned.

CHAPTER VIII.

OF DISCIPLINE.

1. Offences committed may be dealt with in either of the following ways: private admonition or rebuke by the president, or other officers of the college; admonition before the faculty, or in such other way, as the faculty may direct; letters to parents and guardians; disorder marks; placing on a general or a last probation; suspension from the privileges of the college for a definite or indefinite time; dismissal; expulsion, subject to the conditions hereinafter specified.

2. Private admonition or rebuke may be administered by any officer as he shall judge necessary. The other penalties and acts of discipline above mentioned, shall be selected and

applied by vote of the faculty. The repeated commission of offences, whether the same or different in kind, is always to be regarded and treated as an aggravation.

3. The punishment of expulsion shall be sanctioned by at least six trustees, met for that purpose, before it shall be finally inflicted; but in the mean time the faculty may dismiss or suspend the offending party, and exclude him from all connection with the college.

4. If any student shall refuse to remove out of the college on being dismissed or suspended by the faculty, the faculty are authorized to cause him to be immediately removed, and if necessary, to call in aid the civil authority. They may also give such publicity to the case as they shall deem proper. Such recusant student shall be permanently excluded from the college.

CHAPTER IX.

OF ADMISSION TO THE COLLEGE.

1. No person shall be admitted to the college but by a vote of the faculty taken for that purpose, after his examination.

2. Candidates for admission to the Freshman or lowest class, are examined in the books and studies prescribed in the annual catalogue last published, before their application for admission, or in what is a fair equivalent for the same. For admission to either of the two higher classes all the previous studies of the course (except Modern Languages and Natural History) will be required. The examination will be especially upon the studies of the preceding year, together with the principles of Latin and Greek Grammar, and of Algebra and Geometry.

3. No person who may have studied at any other college or university, shall be admitted into this college, without producing a satisfactory certificate from the president or faculty of such college or university.

4. No student shall be admitted to the college as a candi-

date for the degree of Bachelor of Arts after the beginning of the first term of the Senior year.

5. To prevent all excuses arising from ignorance of the laws of this institution, every student shall receive a printed copy of them at the time of his admission.

CHAPTER X.

OF STUDY.

1. Every student shall faithfully apply himself to such studies as shall be prescribed to him by his teachers.

2. When a student is absent from recitation, without the express permission of his teacher, he shall assign the reason for his absence, at the time and in the manner prescribed by the faculty, for rendering such excuses. If his absences are numerous and without sufficient reason, he shall be subjected to such punishment as may be deemed necessary.

3. The hours of study shall be from the time of morning prayers till twelve o'clock, and from two till five in the afternoon; during which time every student shall keep his room, unless called from it to some college exercise, or by some urgent necessity, of which he shall always be ready to give an account to any officer of the college who may observe his absence. It is also expected that the students remain in their rooms after the ringing of the evening bell, unless obliged to leave them by some cause that will obviously justify their absence to the members of the faculty.

4. Every class shall be examined each term on the studies of that term, and at or near the end of each year, on the studies of that year.

5. Those who shall appear to the faculty, on examination, to be deficient in their studies, shall be dealt with according to the nature and extent of the deficiency. All students, who for any cause, shall fail to pass the examinations allotted to their respective classes during any term, must pass such examinations before they can take regular standing in their

classes for the following term. In awarding literary honors and distinctions, a regard shall be had to the moral conduct and orderly behavior of the candidates for such distinctions.

6. Competitions for fellowships, prizes, and other special honors in literature and science may be appointed by the trustees and faculty, at such times, and subject to such regulations, as they may judge expedient.

7. The examinations for degrees shall be on such studies of the college course as shall be prescribed by the faculty.

CHAPTER XI.

OF PUBLIC SPEAKING.

1. For the improvement of the students in public speaking, orations shall be pronounced at such time and place as the faculty may direct.

2. The members of the Senior class shall pronounce, at stated times, to be appointed by the faculty, orations or declamations of their own composition.

3. Occasional exercises in public speaking may be assigned at the discretion of the faculty.

4. On the day of commencement, the candidates for degrees shall perform such exercises as shall be appointed them, and no candidate shall decline to perform such exercises on penalty of forfeiting his degree.

5. Nothing indecent, profane, or immoral, shall at any time be delivered on the public stage, under penalty of such censure as the faculty or trustees shall judge proper. And with a view to preserve all the public exercises of the students from impropriety of any kind, every student during the whole of his Senior year, and previously to his commencement performances especially, shall at least two weeks before the delivery, show to the officer in charge of the department the whole of what he proposes to speak, and shall observe such corrections as shall be made of his performances; and if any student pronounce anything in

public not officially sanctioned, the president is authorized to stop him on the public stage, and he shall be otherwise dealt with as the trustees or faculty shall determine.

CHAPTER XII.

OF COLLEGE BILLS, BOARD, AND LODGING.

1. All college bills must be paid in advance to the treasurer of the college. If a student enter college before the middle of a session, he shall pay *in full* the usual college charges for that session, with the exception of the charges for board and washing; if he enter after the middle of the session, he shall pay one-half. For board and washing he shall pay in proportion to the time. Failure to comply with this regulation unless excused, will involve suspension from college until payment is made.

2. The college will not be responsible for the payment of the bills for board and washing beyond the amount previously deposited with the treasurer of the college for this purpose. But to aid those persons who furnish the students with board and washing, in obtaining the moneys which from time to time may become due to them, each student shall be required to deposit with the treasurer of the college, at the beginning of each term, the full amount of his washing and board bills for that term.

From the funds so deposited, the treasurer shall pay to the keepers of the several boarding-houses such sums as may be due to them, upon his receiving a warrant for that purpose signed by the president of the college, or by any one authorized by the trustees to draw such warrants.

3. The students may take their meals at any house approved by the faculty. No student shall change his place of boarding without previously obtaining the consent of the members of the faculty in charge of this department. If any student disregard this rule, he shall forfeit the sum of *five dollars*, and be subject to such further action as the faculty may judge to be necessary.

4. The students are required to lodge in the college buildings, unless they have special permission from the president or the officer in charge of this department.

5. A student dismissed from college, from whatever cause, shall have refunded to him all advances he has made for board, washing, and fuel beyond the time of his dismissal.

6. When a student leaves the college, whether voluntarily or by dismissal, before the middle of any session, one-half of the charges for tuition and public rooms for that session, shall be refunded. But in the case of temporary absence and subsequent return, although the absence be for more than half a session, no such rebate shall be granted.

CHAPTER XIII.

OF RELIGIOUS WORSHIP, AND MORAL CONDUCT.

1. Every student shall attend worship in the college chapel, at the hours appointed, and shall behave with gravity and reverence during the whole service. All irreverent or indecorous conduct in the chapel, either before, during, or after the services shall be treated as a grave offence and punished at the discretion of the faculty.

2. Every student shall attend public worship on the Sabbath, at such times and places as shall be prescribed by the faculty, and shall be careful to maintain a reverential deportment. All practices inconsistent with the due observance of the Lord's day are expressly prohibited.

3. Besides the public exercises of religious worship on the Sabbath, there shall be assigned to each class such other exercises for their religious instruction, as the president and faculty may direct.

4. No student shall possess or exhibit any indecent picture, nor purchase or read or circulate in college any lascivious, or impious books, and if any student shall be convicted thereof, or of lying, profaneness, drunkenness, theft, uncleanness, playing at cards or other unlawful games, or of other impro-

prieties, he shall be punished according to the nature and heinousness of his offence.

5. If any student shall quarrel with, insult, or abuse a fellow-student, or any person whatever, he shall, upon conviction, be punished as the faculty, in view of all the circumstances, may determine.

6. Any student convicted of sending or receiving a challenge to fight a duel, who shall carry such challenge or be second in a duel, or in any wise aid or abet it, shall be immediately dismissed by the faculty, and as soon as practicable expelled by the trustees.

7. No student shall bring, or cause to be brought into college, or on any occasion keep in his room, any spirituous or fermented liquors, without an express permission from the officer of the class to which he belongs.

8. No student shall go to any place where intoxicating liquors are sold as a beverage, for any purpose whatsoever, without permission from some member of the faculty.

9. No student shall keep company with persons of publicly bad character, under penalty of admonition, or if the case be aggravated, of dismission or expulsion.

10. It is required of all students to treat all persons with whom they have intercourse, with decorum, but especially to exhibit respectful deportment to the officers of the college; and if any student shall disobey any of the lawful commands of his teachers, or shall, either in speech or action, manifest disrespect towards any of them, he shall be required to make due acknowledgment, and shall be further dealt with as the faculty may judge proper.

11. If any student shall refuse to appear personally before any officer of the college, when required so to do, he shall be punished for contempt of authority.

12. Any student who may be required so to do, shall open the door of his room or study to any officer of the college; and if he refuse, the officer may break it open, and the expense of repairing it shall be defrayed by the student, who shall also be punished for disobedience.

13. If any students remain in college, or in the town, during the vacation, they shall be subject to all the laws respecting orderly conduct, and shall be under the control of the officers of the college who may remain here during the vacation.

CHAPTER XIV.

SECRET SOCIETIES.

1. All secret societies, except those publicly sanctioned by the authorities of the college, are strictly prohibited.

2. At his matriculation each student is required to sign the following pledge: "We the undersigned do individually for ourselves promise, without any mental reservation, that we will have no connection whatever with any secret society, nor be present at the meetings of any secret society in this or any other college, so long as we are members of the college of New Jersey; it being understood that this promise has no reference to the American Whig and Clisophic Societies. We also declare that we regard ourselves bound to keep this promise and on no account whatever to violate it."

3. The Faculty are required by a resolution of the Trustees "promptly to dismiss any student known to be a member of a prohibited secret society."

CHAPTER XV.

MISCELLANEOUS REGULATIONS.

1. All boisterous noise in the entries or rooms of the college at any time is strictly prohibited.

2. All blowing of horns, kindling of bonfires, and disorderly gatherings, on the college grounds or elsewhere, are strictly forbidden; and upon every occasion of open disorder the students are required to repair to their several rooms, and to remain in them during the continuance of the disorder. Any disregard of this rule shall be punished at the discretion of the faculty.

3. No student shall be allowed to disturb, or attempt any imposition on his fellow-students, in any manner whatever; and every student shall be required to preserve order and decorum in his own room, and shall be responsible for all disorder therein.

4. If any combinations of the students shall at any time be formed either for resisting the authority of the college, interfering in its government, or for concealing or executing any evil or disorderly design, every student concerned in such combination shall be considered as guilty of the offence which was intended: and the faculty are empowered and directed to break up all such combinations as soon as discovered, whatever be the number concerned, and whatever be the consequences to the college.

5. No meeting of the students of the college, or of any class in it, shall be called without the permission of the president or in his absence of the next senior officer; and in all cases the request for the meeting shall be in writing specifying the object of the meeting, and signed by the persons making the request; who shall be responsible for the good order and doings of the class, or of all the classes, at such meeting. No business shall be transacted at such meeting, except that for which permission has been obtained.

6. As it may sometimes happen, that a student may become an unworthy, corrupting, and dangerous member of the institution, and yet it may not be practicable to establish his criminality by formal and specified proof; it shall, in such cases, be the duty of the faculty first to warn and admonish the party thus circumstanced, and if reformation do not take place, then, unless the urgency of the case shall forbid the measure, the parent or guardian of the party shall be written to and requested to remove him; and if he shall not be removed without unnecessary delay, it shall be the duty of the faculty to remove him, in such manner as they shall judge that equity and the good of the institution require.

7. No student suspended, dismissed, or expelled from

college shall be permitted to enter the college buildings, or come on the college grounds without permission from the president.

8. No servant shall be employed in the college, except such as shall be engaged by the treasurer with the approval of the president. The duty of the servants within the college shall be pointed out solely by the same officers.

9. No student shall be allowed to disguise himself in any way, whatever.

10. No student, without permission of the faculty, shall keep a horse for his use or pleasure; nor shall any student keep a dog, or gun, or pistol, or explosive materials of any kind, or any deadly weapon whatever.

11. If any student or students, shall steal, destroy, or trespass on the property of any person in the town or elsewhere, the authorities of the college shall inflict an exemplary punishment on him or them; and any combination to prevent the execution of the civil laws shall be severely punished.

12. It is to be distinctly understood that any student violating the laws of the land shall be liable to the penalties imposed by public law, and the faculty will not interpose to save him from these penalties.

13. No student shall, without permission, leave the town at any time whatever.

14. The students are subject to all the laws of the college, after the classes to which they belong are dismissed at the close of each session, till they take their departure from the town.

15. Whereas cases may arise not expressly provided for, the faculty are fully authorized to adopt such additional regulations, not inconsistent with the preceding laws, as in their opinion are necessary for the good order of the institution: and these regulations, when announced, shall be as promptly obeyed as the printed laws.