
CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS
OF
OAKLAND COLLEGE,

LOCATED IN
CLAIBORNE COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI.

1849.

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THE FACULTY.

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CONSTITUTION.

CHAPTER I—*Of the Synod.*

Sec. 1. This institution shall be under the direction of the Synod of Mississippi, as hereafter provided.

Sec. 2. The Synod shall appoint a Board of Directors, consisting of fifteen members, nine of whom shall be Ministers of the Gospel, members of Synod, and six Ruling Elders, residing within the bounds of Synod. Of this number one-third shall go out of office every year at the time of the annual meeting of Synod, and their places be filled by re-appointment, or the appointment of new members.

Sec. 3. Strict regard shall be paid to the appropriation of all funds according to the intention of the donors.

Sec. 4. The Synod shall have power to alter the Constitution at any regular meeting by a vote of two-thirds of the members present, provided that notice of the contemplated alteration be given to all the members, at least three months previous.

CHAPTER II—*Of the Board of Directors.*

Sec. 1. All meetings of the Board shall be opened and closed with prayer.

Sec. 2. In calling a meeting of the Board, the President or Secretary shall always give at least fifteen days notice in writing, by mail, to all the members.

Sec. 3. The Board shall elect their own President and Secretary.

Sec. 4. Five members being present, shall constitute a quorum to do business.

Sec. 5. It shall be the duty of the Board to appoint all the permanent officers and instructors; determine the number and names of Professorships; fix the amount of salaries; prescribe the course of studies, and direct in all other things of general or permanent interest to the institution, subject to the revision, approval, or alteration of Synod.

Sec. 6. The Board shall have power to remove any officer of the institution, at any regular meeting, by a vote of two-thirds of the members present, provided that notice of the contemplated removal be given to the Faculty, the Board of Trustees, and the members of the Board of Directors, one month previous to said meeting.

Sec. 7. The Board may fill any vacancies that occur in their own body, except those occasioned by the expiration of the term of service.

Sec. 8. It shall be the duty of the Board to appoint a Board of Trustees, consisting of twelve members, one-third of whom shall go out of office every year, at the time of the annual meeting of the Board of Directors, and their places filled by re-appointment or the appointment of new members; provided always that the old members shall continue in office till re-appointed or new appointments be made.

Sec. 9. The Board shall hold their annual meeting on the Wednesday preceding the first Thursday in April, each year, at 10 o'clock, A. M., and shall meet at other times on their own adjournment, or at the call of the Secretary, by direction of either the President of the Board or of College.

Sec. 10. The Secretary of the Board shall present an annual report of all the proceedings of the Board, to the Synod, for approval or alteration.

CHAPTER III—*Of the Board of Trustees.*

Sec. 1. The Board shall hold their annual meeting on the Wednesday preceding the first Thursday in

April, and they shall meet at other times on their own adjournment, and also on the call of the President.

Sec. 2. The President shall call a meeting of the Board upon the request of two members of the same, and give ten days' notice to all the members.

Sec. 3. All meetings of the Board shall be opened and closed with prayer.

Sec. 4. The President of the institution shall be ex-officio President of the Board.

Sec. 5. Any six members of the Board, together with the President, shall form a quorum: and in the absence of the President, seven members shall be requisite to form a quorum; and any member, in such a case, may be called to act as President pro tempore.

Sec. 6. A Secretary shall be chosen out of their own body, who shall keep a correct history of all their proceedings.

Sec. 7. They shall choose a Treasurer, who shall be bound with two sufficient securities in a reasonable sum, to be determined by the Board, for the faithful discharge of his duties.

Sec. 8. The Treasurer shall take charge of the funds of the institution, and keep an accurate account of the same, showing the sources from which they have been derived, the purposes for which they have been given, and the manner in which they have been appropriated.

Sec. 9. He shall pay no money out of the Treasury without a written order from the Board of Trustees, signed by the Secretary and countersigned by the President.

Sec. 10. He shall make out a full report to the Board, at their annual meeting, of all expenditures and receipts within the year, and the state of the whole funds of the institution; which report shall be audited by a committee appointed by the Board, and incorporated in their annual report to the Board of Directors.

Sec. 11. All decisions of the Board shall be made by votes, and when a division on any question be called

for, every member, including the President, shall have one vote, and in case of a tie, the President shall give the casting vote.

Sec. 12. They shall have the power of filling all vacancies in their own body and in the offices of the institution, in cases of emergency, subject to the revision of the Board of Directors at their next meeting.

Sec. 13. They shall regulate the price, and all things pertaining to the boarding and accommodations of the students; and also recommend suitable persons to the Board of Directors for appointment as teachers and other officers; but this shall not bind the Board of Directors to appoint those persons thus recommended, nor take away the power from the Board of Directors of selecting the officers of the institution, independent of such recommendation.

Sec. 14. They shall recommend to the Board of Directors such alterations and additions as they may think important in the laws of the institution, and all other business involving the interest of the institution.

Sec. 15. It shall be the duty of the Board to inspect the fidelity of the teachers in the discharge of their respective duties, and report to the Board of Directors any officer whom they may judge either unfaithful or incompetent, and whenever the case may demand it, they shall remove him from office, after having admonished him of the cause of complaint; and report the whole to the Board of Directors for their decision.

Sec. 16. The Board shall hold all funds, donations and bequests—and all titles to lands, buildings and other property belonging to the institution in trust for the Synod.

Sec. 17. They shall make out a detailed account of all their proceedings, and an accurate state of the institution, at their annual meeting, and transmit it to the Board of Directors at their annual meeting.

Sec. 18. They shall appoint a committee of nine, who shall be styled the Visitors, whose duty it shall be

to visit the institution frequently, and inspect its whole management, and especially to attend the whole time of the annual examination, and make report thereon to the Board of Directors, which report may be published.

Sec. 19. They shall appoint some Minister of the Gospel of acknowledged piety and orthodoxy, to preach a sermon on the day before commencement, on some important branch of the evidences of revelation, or on some fundamental doctrine of the Gospel, which sermon may be published.

Sec. 20. The plan of building and the purchase of real property shall be determined by two-thirds of the whole Board.

Sec. 21. The Board may make rules for their own government, and for the government of the institution not inconsistent with the regulations adopted by the Synod or Board of Directors.

CHAPTER IV—*Of the immediate government of the institution.*

Sec. 1. The immediate government shall be vested in the Faculty.

Sec. 2. The President, Professors and Tutors, constitute and shall be styled, The Faculty of the Institution.

Sec. 3. The Faculty shall have one stated meeting every week, during term time, at such time and place as the President may direct; and the President may convene the Faculty at all other times at discretion.

Sec. 4. They shall direct the application of the laws, and make other regulations for the government of the institution not contrary to the laws, and annex thereto such means of enforcement as to them may appear just and necessary.

Sec. 5. In all decisions made by the Faculty, the same rule shall be observed as in the decisions of the Board of Trustees.

Sec. 6. The Faculty shall choose a Secretary, who

shall keep a fair record of all their proceedings; and they shall make a faithful statement to the Board of Trustees of the condition of the institution at the end of every session.

Sec. 7. No offence shall be brought before the Faculty but in consequence of their own order, or that of the Trustees.

Sec. 8. An exemplary regard to moral and religious deportment is indispensable to every member of the Faculty.

CHAPTER V—*Of the President.*

Sec. 1. He shall be an ordained Minister of the Gospel, and a member in good standing in the Presbyterian Church.

Sec. 2. He shall be especially charged with the responsibility of the institution and its success, and shall be bound to use all the means in his power to advance the interest and reputation of the institution.

Sec. 3. He shall have power to direct in all matters relating to the institution; to govern the students, and to punish all offences committed by them against the laws of the institution, except in cases referred by law to the Faculty or Board of Trustees.

Sec. 4. He shall visit the recitations of the other instructors frequently; shall hear the recitations of the classes committed to the care of the other instructors occasionally; and shall instruct such class as he may choose, and in such branch or branches of their studies as he may select.

Sec. 5. In the absence of the President, the senior Professor present shall have all the powers of the President, so far as the Faculty are concerned, and shall have power also to call meetings of the Board of Trustees.

CHAPTER VI—*Of the Professors and Tutors.*

Sec. 1. The Professors, severally, shall have power to govern the students, and to punish any crime, except in

cases referred by law to the Faculty; provided that they may not in any case proceed contrary to the advice and direction of the President.

Sec. 2. They shall give instruction in such branches of education as may be assigned to them by the Board of Directors at their appointment to office, or by the Board of Trustees with the advice of the President.

Sec. 3. The Tutors shall be appointed by the Board of Directors to render such assistance as may be required in the institution, and their duties assigned by the Faculty.

CHAPTER VII—*Of the several Departments in the Institution, and of the course of study.*

Sec. 1. The institution shall consist of a preparatory department and a College.

Sec. 2. In the preparatory department, the English, Latin and Greek languages shall be taught, and also ancient and modern Geography, Mythology, Latin and Greek Antiquities, Writing, Arithmetic, and the elements of Geometry and Algebra, so far as to include simple equations, and when the means will justify it, the French and other modern languages shall be taught in this department.

Sec. 3. The Faculty shall prescribe the books to be used in this school, and no book or course of study shall be introduced unless by their consent.

Sec. 4. The Principal of this department shall direct, with the consent of the President, in what manner religious instruction shall be given.

Sec. 5. The Principal of this department shall make report of the condition thereof to the faculty once every month, and at other times, on the request of the President.

Sec. 6. The Principal and all other teachers of this department shall be members of the Faculty in all business relating to it. And so long as this department is connected with the College, it shall be their duty to

take notice of the moral deportment of all the students of the institution.

Sec. 7. There shall be two examinations in this department in each year, commencing on the week preceding the examination of the College proper.

Sec. 8. The students of the College proper shall be divided into four classes: The Freshman, the Sophomore, the Junior, and the Senior.

Sec. 9. Candidates for admission into the Freshman class, shall not be received, unless, upon examination, they be found able to read and parse Cicero and Jacob's Greek Reader, or other books equivalent, and shall have learned Arithmetic, English Grammer, and the Elements of ancient and modern Geography, and the Elements of Geometry and Algebra as far as simple equation.

Sec. 10. No person shall be admitted to an advanced standing, unless he be equal to the class for which he is a candidate.

Sec. 11. No person of known immoral habits shall be admitted into the institution or any of its departments.

Sec. 12. No young man shall be considered a member of the institution until he shall have paid the College fees, and have been admitted by a vote of the Faculty.

Sec. 13. The Academical year shall be divided into two terms; the first commencing on the Monday after the first Thursday in April, and ending on the Thursday after the first Monday in August, and the second commencing on the second Monday in October, and ending on the first Thursday in April.

Sec. 14. The Faculty shall prescribe the books to be used in each of the classes, subject to approval of the Board of Directors.

Sec. 15. Each class shall devote a portion of time to the study of the Bible, under the direction of the President.

The studies of the several classes and the books used

as text books, or those which are considered as equivalent, are as follows, viz:

FRESHMAN CLASS.

Algebra, (Davies' Bourdon.)
 Plain and Solid Geometry, (Davies' Legendre.)
 Virgil's Eneid, Latin Prosody.
 Xenophon's Cyropædia.
 Herodotus, Grecian Antiquities.
 English Grammar, Woodbridge's large Geography.

SOPHOMORE CLASS.

Geometry, Plain Trigonometry, (Pierce's.)
 Mensuration of Heights and Distances.
 Navigation and Surveying.
 Spherical Trigonometry.
 Analytical Geometry, (Davies'.)
 Conic Sections, (Bridges'.)
 Horace, Quinctius Curtius, Roman Antiquities, Homer's Iliad, Thucydides, Greek Prosody.
 Tytler's History, Jamieson's Rhetoric, Jewish Antiquities, Constitution of the United States.

JUNIOR CLASS.

Descriptive Geometry, (Davies'.)
 Linear Perspective, (Davies'.)
 Differential & Integral Calculus, (M'Cartney or Davies'.)
 Horace concluded, Livy, Tacitus, Pliny.
 Homer's Odyssey, Hesiod, Apolonius Rhodius.
 Orations of Demosthenes.
 Blair's Rhetoric, Hedge's Logic.
 Natural Theology, Evidences of Christianity.
 Chemistry, Natural Philosophy, (Olmstead's.)

SENIOR CLASS.

Civil Engineering, Architecture.
 Hebrew, Cicero De Natura Deorum, Cicero De Senectute, De Amicitia, De Officiis, Cicero's Epistles, Cædipus Tyrannus of Sophocles, the Media of Euripides.

Greek Testament in any period of the course, at the discretion of the Professor.

Philosophy of the Human Mind, (Payne's or Upham's.)

Moral Philosophy, (Waylands' or Paley's.)

Political Economy, (Wayland's or Say's.)

Natural Philosophy, (Olmstead's.)

Astronomy, Chemistry.

General review.

CHAPTER VIII—*Of the hours of study and the mode of ascertaining the progress of the students.*

Sec. 1. The hours of study shall be from daylight until breakfast in the morning; and from nine until twelve in the forenoon during the first term, from eight until twelve during the second term; from two until five in the afternoon; and from eight until bed-time in the evening. There shall be a recess from study on Saturday afternoon.

Sec. 2. Every student shall diligently apply himself to such studies as shall be prescribed to him by his Teacher, and shall be careful to attend every recitation of his class.

Sec. 3. Every Instructor shall keep a roll of his class or classes, which shall be called over at the hour of lecture or recitation, and the manner of attendance and performance of each student in every exercise carefully noted. This mark shall be common to all the Instructors, and, in common with other circumstances, shall determine the relative standing of the students.

Sec. 4. If a student shall be found incapable of proceeding in his class with advantage to himself, the Faculty may arrest his progress; it being always understood, that if he shall make up his deficiency he may regain a standing in his former class.

CHAPTER IX—*Of religious exercises.*

Sec. 1. The President, or one of the Professors or Tutors, shall pray every morning in the Chapel, and

read a chapter or some suitable portion of scripture; and every student shall be obliged to attend.

Sec. 2. Divine worship shall be publicly attended on the Sabbath in the Chapel, and all the members of the Faculty and all the students shall be present, unless having previously obtained leave of absence from the President.

Sec. 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.

Sec. 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.

Sec. 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 deportment 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.

Sec. 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.

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

Sec. 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; and every other species of immoral conduct, of which the Faculty are the sole judges, are offences, and shall be punished as hereinafter directed.

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

Sec. 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 of the case for their decision.

CHAPTER XII—*Of examinations and vacations.*

Sec. 1. There shall be two public examinations in each year, of all the classes and in all the departments. The first shall commence on the first Monday in August; and the second on the Monday preceding the first Thursday in April. Each examination shall continue three days.

Sec. 2. The final examination of the Senior class shall commence on the third Monday in February, and be continued from day to day at the discretion of the Committee of Visitors.

Sec. 3. The President shall give public notice of these examinations, three weeks previous to the time appointed for them.

Sec. 4. There shall be one vacation in each year,

commencing on the Thursday after the first Monday in August, and ending on the second Monday in October.

Sec. 5. The first Thursday in April shall be called the day of Commencement, when the students shall perform such public exercises as the Faculty may prescribe, and academical degrees conferred.

CHAPTER XIII—*Of the College fees.*

Sec. 1. Each student, upon his admission into College, shall pay into the hands of the Treasurer, in advance, for the summer session sixteen dollars, and for the winter session twenty-four dollars.

Sec. 2. In the other departments, each pupil shall pay, in like manner, for the summer session twelve dollars, and for the winter session eighteen dollars.

Sec. 3. All students entering at any time before the middle of a session, shall pay tuition fees for a whole session; and if after half a session has expired, he shall pay for half the session.

Sec. 4. The price of boarding and all other expenses, are regulated by the Board of Trustees, and may be found in the Appendix.

APPENDIX.

Sec. 1. The boarding includes, besides diet, washing, wood, and the keeping of the rooms of the students in good order.

Sec. 2. The students shall furnish their own beds and room furniture, and lights.

Sec. 3. All the students shall board with the Steward, except by permission of the Board of Trustees or the Faculty, to board elsewhere.

Sec. 4. The Steward shall furnish, convenient to each room of the students and to each recitation room, a sufficiency of good wood for fuel. He shall use for

this purpose the dead or fallen timber on the College ground.

Sec. 5. He shall receive from each boarder twelve dollars per month, in advance, for each session; and if not paid in advance, he shall be allowed to charge two dollars more.

Sec. 6. On Tuesdays and Fridays in each week, he shall furnish to his boarders a plain dessert at dinner.

Sec. 7. In all cases of sickness he shall attend upon them, and shall be allowed a reasonable compensation for any extra attendance, subject to the review of the Board.

Sec. 8. He shall superintend all improvements for his own accommodation, under the direction of the Board.

Sec. 9. He shall take notice of all injury done to the property of the Board, by the students, and report the same to the Faculty for assessment of damages.

Sec. 10. He shall be responsible for all damages done to property in his possession.

Sec. 11. He shall give the Board three months notice of his intention of leaving.

Sec. 12. Each student shall pay one dollar and fifty cents, for each session, for the common repairs of the College buildings, and ringing the College bell.

Sec. 13. No charge is made for room rent to those who board with the Steward; but those occupying rooms belonging to the College, and boarding elsewhere, are charged \$1 50 per month for the use of the room.

Sec. 14. No student shall receive a degree until all College dues are paid.

Sec. 15. Each student, on receiving his degree, shall pay to the President ten dollars for his Diploma.

COLLEGE EXPENSES.

Tuition in the College, summer term,	\$20 00	
“ “ “ winter “	\$30 00—	\$50 00
Boarding, washing, &c., at \$12 per mo.		
Summer term, 4 months,	\$48 00	
Winter term, 6 “	72 00—	\$120 00
For incidental expenses,		3 00
		\$173 00
Tuition in the Classical School of all those studying the Languages and Mathematics, above Arithmetic,		
Summer term,	\$16 00	
Winter term,	24 00—	\$40 00
Board and incidental expenses, as in the College,		123 00
		\$163 00
Tuition in the English School,		
Summer term,	\$12 00	
Winter term,	18 00—	\$30 00
Board, &c., as in the College,		123 00
		\$153 00