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FOR THE GOVERNMENT

OF THE

COLLEGE OF LOUISIANA,

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LAWS OF THE COLLEGE OF LOUISIANA.



CHAPTER I.

OF THE OFFICERS OF THE COLLEGE.

ART. 1. The officers of the College of Louisiana shall be the President, Professors and Tutors, arranged in the following order:

First—The President, who shall instruct the Junior and Senior classes in Rhetoric, Composition, Criticism, Mental and Moral Philosophy, Logic, History, Evidences of Christianity, Law of Nations, Constitutional Law and Political Economy, as these studies are arranged in said Classes.

Second—Professor of Mathematics and Natural Philosophy.

Third—Professor of Chemistry and Natural History.

Fourth—Professor of Ancient Languages.

Fifth—Professor of Modern Languages.

Sixth—Tutors.

ART. 2. Every unmarried Professor and Tutor shall occupy a room in the College buildings.

ART. 3. The salaries of the officers shall be regulated by the Board of Trustees as the exigencies of the College may require; but the salary of no officer shall be reduced without at least six months notice to him of the intended reduction.

ART. 4. Whenever there is a vacancy in the Presidency, the

senior Professor, in the order in this chapter before arranged, shall perform the duties and receive the salary of President, unless the Board of Trustees shall otherwise specially direct.

ART. 5. The President shall exercise a general superintending care over the whole economy of the College, and shall, by and with the consent of the assembled Faculty, arrange the classes, and designate the duties (whether of instruction or government) to be performed by the several officers, in so far as not specially provided for by the present code.

ART. 6. The President shall be charged with the correspondence of the Institution, and shall keep a Letter Book, into which he shall transcribe all the letters by him written in relation to the College and its interests—which book shall at all times be open to the inspection of the Board of Trustees or any member thereof.

ART. 7. The President shall keep a Register of all the students belonging to the College, in which shall be entered, at the time of admission, the name in full of the student—his age, as near as can be ascertained—his place of birth and residence, and the date of his admission; and when the student ceases to be a member of the College, the manner or cause and the date of his separation.



CHAPTER II.

OF THE IMMEDIATE GOVERNMENT OF THE COLLEGE.

ART. 1. The President, Professors and Tutors shall constitute the Faculty of the College.

ART. 2. The President may convene the Faculty at his discretion, and appoint the times and places of meeting. In case of his absence, the senior Professor present shall convene and preside in the Faculty. It shall also be the duty of the President, or senior Professor, as the case may be, to convene the Faculty whenever thereto required by two of its members.

ART. 3. A majority of the members of the Faculty shall, when duly convened, constitute a quorum.

ART. 4. All decisions of the Faculty shall be made by vote. The President shall have a vote in all cases, and a casting vote when otherwise the votes would be equally divided.

ART. 5. The Faculty shall keep a Book of Records, and appoint a clerk, who shall enter therein a fair statement of all their transactions—which book shall be laid before the Board of Trustees whenever required. Said book shall, moreover, be always open to the inspection of any member of the Board.

ART. 6. The Faculty shall have power to institute regulations, not inconsistent with these laws or the Statutes of the State, on all minor subjects; but the regulations so made shall be reported to the Board of Trustees at the meeting of that body next succeeding their institution.

ART. 7. The Faculty shall hear any complaint made by a student of delinquency on the part of the Janitor, and if the complaint be just, they shall instantly apply the necessary corrective, if in their power—if not in their power, they shall have the same reported to the Board of Trustees, at the next succeeding meeting of that body.

ART. 8. An exemplary moral deportment is required of every member of the Faculty.

ART. 9. Every student, when required thereto by an officer of the College, shall open the door of his room. If he refuse, the door may be broken down, and the expense of repairing shall be defrayed by the student.

ART. 10. Each officer of the College is privileged to enter the rooms of students at pleasure, and it shall be the duty of all frequently to make such visits.

ART. 11. Whenever any student shall feel himself aggrieved by a fellow student, it shall be his duty to make it known to the President, who shall, if he deem it expedient, call a meeting of the Faculty, to take the subject into consideration.

ART. 12. Every student, upon his admission into College, shall pay to the Librarian fifty cents, for which he shall receive a

copy of these laws; and the Librarian shall pay over the money thus received to the Treasurer.



CHAPTER III.

OF THE CLASSES, OF ADMISSION INTO COLLEGE, AND OF THE COURSE OF STUDY.

ART. 1. The students shall be divided into four Classes—namely: The Freshman, the Sophomore, the Junior and the Senior.

ART. 2. Candidates for admission into the Freshman Class cannot be received, unless, upon examination, they be found able to read and parse Cæsar's Commentaries, Cicero's Select Orations, the first six books of Virgil's *Æneid*, Jacob's Greek Reader or an equivalent, and be well skilled in Penmanship, Arithmetic, English Grammar and Geography.

ART. 3. No one shall be admitted to an advanced standing unless he be equal to the Class for which he is a candidate.

ART. 4. No person shall be admitted to an actual standing as a student in any class, or be permitted to recite with the same, unless he shall have produced to the Faculty a receipt or certificate from the Treasurer of the College, showing that he has fully complied with the existing orders of the Trustees relative to College dues; and this rule shall be observed at the commencement of each Session, but shall not be construed to apply to State students, nor to those whom the Trustees may admit gratuitously.

ART. 5. The Freshman Class shall study Virgil, Sallust, Horace, the Anabasis of Xenophon and *Græca Majora* commenced—Arithmetic revised and Algebra commenced, and such French and Spanish authors as the Faculty may direct.

ART. 6. The Sophomore Class shall study Algebra and Geometry, Grecian and Roman Antiquities, Livy, Tacitus, *Græca*

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Majors and Homer's Iliad, and such French and Spanish authors as the Faculty may direct.

ART. 7. The Junior Class shall study Plane and Spherical Trigonometry, Mensuration, Surveying, Navigation, Analytical Geometry and the Differential and Integral Calculus; Chemistry and Natural History, Rhetoric, Composition, Criticism, Ancient and Modern History, Mental Philosophy and Logic, and be exercised in the Modern Languages as the Faculty shall direct.

ART. 8. The Senior Class shall study Chemistry and Natural History, Moral Philosophy, Natural Philosophy, including Optics, Astronomy, Mechanics and Engineering; Evidences of Christianity, Law of Nations, Constitutional Law and Political Economy; and shall be exercised in the Modern Languages, as in the Junior Class.

ART. 9. No student shall be permitted to advance from one class to a higher, unless he shall have passed creditably through a careful examination in all the studies of the previous class.

ART. 10. The preceding arrangement of studies shall apply only to those students who intend to pursue a full Collegiate course. Others may be admitted as irregulars, provided they shall have attained the age of sixteen years, and their studies shall be regulated by the Faculty, as far as practicable, in conformity to the wishes of parents and guardians. No student, however, shall receive a Diploma, unless he shall have passed favorably through all the studies of every class.

CHAPTER IV.

OF THE HOURS OF STUDY AND RECITATION.

ART. 1. The hours of study shall be from sun-rising until breakfast, and from 8 o'clock until meridian, in the forenoon—from 2 until 5 o'clock in the afternoon, and from twilight until bed time in the evening. During the hours of study, every stu-

dent shall keep his room, unless called from it to recite, or by some urgent necessity, of which latter he shall always be ready to give an account to any officer of the College who may observe his absence.

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

ART. 3. The time and place of recitation for every class shall be appointed by the Faculty.



CHAPTER V.

DUTIES OF PROFESSORS, &c.

ART. 1. A room of sufficient size shall be appropriated by the Faculty to the use of each Professor, in which he shall receive his classes; and rooms thus appropriated shall be used for no other purpose, except in extraordinary cases, and by consent and direction of the Board of Trustees, or of the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Faculty.

ART. 2. The Apparatus and other articles belonging to the College, which may be useful in the illustration of any Professor's course, shall have an appropriate place of deposit, and shall be under the immediate care of such Professor.

ART. 3. Each Professor shall adopt, in his room, that system for the government of his class which he may deem the best, provided it do not contravene these laws. It shall be his duty to admonish or reprimand, either privately or before his class, each of his students who may become neglectful of conduct or study.

CHAPTER VI.

OF PUBLIC SPEAKING AND OF COMPOSITION.

ART. 1. Every Saturday morning shall be exclusively devoted to public speaking. Those who are to speak are to be designated by the Faculty, on Saturday, and at least one week preceding that on which they are to speak. No student shall be excused from taking his part in this exercise, unless prevented by some natural impediment. Every member of the Faculty is required to be present at these exercises; and it shall be the duty of each and all, as may be arranged amongst themselves, to point out to the speakers such errors as the latter may commit.

ART. 2. 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 may judge proper; and it shall be the duty of every student, appointed to speak, to show to the President, or to some officer designated by him, the whole of what he proposes to deliver; and he shall not fail to observe such corrections as may be made in the exercise by the President or other officer to whom it shall thus have been submitted.

ART. 3. Closely connected with public speaking is the exercise of writing composition, in which every student shall engage as often as the Faculty may direct.

CHAPTER VII.

OF DEPORTMENT.

ART. 1. The students are to consider themselves and each other as young gentlemen associated for the purpose of mutual improvement, and are to deport themselves accordingly, avoiding all turbulence, rudeness and violence.

ART. 2. They are to treat the President, Professors and Tutors, on all occasions, with the most profound respect, obeying implicitly all their lawful commands, and to act decently and respectfully toward all persons with whom they may have intercourse.



CHAPTER VIII.

OF RELIGIOUS EXERCISES.

ART. 1. The exercises of each day shall be opened and closed with prayer by the President, or, in his absence, by some other member of the Faculty.

ART. 2. Every student shall attend morning and evening prayer, and Divine service at least once every Sabbath, unless specially excused by the Faculty, on a written request of the parent or guardian.

ART. 3. A due observance of the Sabbath is earnestly recommended, and all practices inconsistent with the reverence due to the day are expressly prohibited.

ART. 4. 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 the College, in their instruction of the students, avoid every thing like sectarianism, or that can in any manner interfere with the tenets, either in church government or doctrine, of any denomination of Christians. Neither shall any thing be required of a student contrary to the mode of worship and religious professions of his parent or guardian.

CHAPTER IX.

OF PUNISHMENTS, AND OF MISDEMEANORS AND OTHER OFFENCES.

ART. 1. The punishments of the College shall be admonition, private or public, fines, suspension for a limited time, suspension for an indefinite time, and expulsion.

ART. 2. A student under any sentence, expulsion excepted, is still a member of the Institution, and shall obey the injunctions of the Faculty, under the penalty of expulsion.

ART. 3. A second indefinite suspension is considered as equivalent to expulsion, and shall in all ordinary cases preclude the possibility of re-admission; but every student suspended indefinitely shall have the privilege of an appeal to the Board of Trustees.

ART. 4. Every student who may be sentenced to pay a fine, shall pay the same to the Clerk of the Faculty; and in case of non-payment, within such time as the Faculty may have prescribed, he shall be suspended for a definite period.

ART. 5. The Clerk of the Faculty shall pay over to the Treasurer all fines by him thus received.

ART. 6. If any student shall neglect his studies, or interrupt the studies of another, or disturb or impede any officer in his lawful employment, or be guilty of profane cursing or swearing, of intoxication, of striking, or of insulting, by word or gesture, a fellow student; of keeping company with persons of known immorality; of playing at cards, dice, or other games of chance, or of any other thing grossly immoral, (of which the Faculty shall be the judge.) he shall, at their discretion, receive any punishment short of expulsion; but when in their opinion the offence shall merit expulsion, it shall be the duty of the President of the Faculty to report the case in writing to the President of the Board of Trustees, with the attendant facts and circumstances, who shall immediately convoke the Board, in the manner pointed out by Statute, and submit the matter to its decision.

ART. 7. Duelling, or any concern in promoting or abetting it, shall in all cases be punished by expulsion.

ART. 8. No student shall be permitted to carry a dirk, sword cane, or any deadly concealed weapon whatsoever.

ART. 9. No student shall keep, for his use or pleasure, any horse or other riding animal, or dog, or gun or other fire arms; nor shall any student ride, or go beyond such limits as the Faculty shall designate, for any purpose, except by permission of some member of the Faculty.

ART. 10. No student shall absent himself from his room after twilight in the evening; nor shall any student go into a Tavern or other house where inebriating liquors are sold, without permission from a member of the Faculty, or upon urgent necessity when a member of the Faculty cannot be seen; and the purpose for which he may desire to visit any such place shall be by him particularly specified to the officer from whom he may ask permission. If such visit be made without permission, he shall give a satisfactory account of the cause thereof when required by any member of the Faculty.

ART. 11. No student, during the regular Sessions of College, shall attend any Ball, Theatre, Horse Race, or any expensive or unlawful amusement whatever, except by permission of some member of the Faculty, or by a written permission from his parent or guardian; and in the latter case, the permission must be exhibited to the Faculty, if they require it. Contravention of this provision shall be punished according to the discretion of the Faculty.

ART. 12. If, in the opinion of the Faculty, the character of a student shall be so vicious as to render him an unworthy member of College, he shall be admonished or censured; and if he do not forthwith reform, his parent or legal guardian shall be requested to remove him. A delay or refusal on the part of the latter so to do shall be deemed good cause for his removal by the Board of Trustees, in such way as may be deemed proper.

ART. 13. Every suspended student shall immediately return home, or reside at such place, during the period of his suspension, as the Faculty may direct; and upon application for re-admission

he shall produce satisfactory testimonials of his good behaviour whilst absent.

ART. 14. No student shall, under any pretext whatever, cut or otherwise injure the College buildings, or furniture, or enclosures, or trees planted or growing therein. Any student convicted of offending herein shall be reprimanded by the President, in presence of the assembled students and Faculty, and shall moreover pay for the damage done, according to a reasonable estimate of the amount. If, however, the perpetrator cannot be discovered, and the damage be committed in one of the rooms, the occupants thereof shall pay,—if it be committed on a public portion of one of the Halls, the students occupying the same shall pay; but if it be committed on any property common to the College, such as out-buildings, enclosures, &c., then the expense of repairing such damage shall be assessed on all the students, and shall be collected in the same manner as other College charges.

ART. 15. Students who do not lodge in the College are required to observe all the rules laid down in this Chapter, but the Faculty shall not be answerable for any breach thereof by non-resident students, committed beyond the College limits.



CHAPTER X.

OF LEAVE OF ABSENCE.

ART. 1. Any student wishing to obtain leave of absence from College, must present a written application to the Faculty, in which shall be stated, either by himself or parent or guardian, the circumstances that render his absence necessary; and the Faculty shall, if in their judgment it be proper to do so, grant the applicants' request.

CHAPTER XI.

OF DISMISSION AND WITHDRAWALS FROM COLLEGE.

ART. 1. Any student desirous of leaving College before the completion of his course, shall, if a minor, produce from his parent or legal guardian a written statement that such is his wish, and the President shall thereupon grant him such Certificate of dismission as he may deserve.

ART. 2. If any student leave the College permanently without obtaining a regular dismission, he shall be regarded as though under suspension.



CHAPTER XII.

OF THE LIBRARY, MUSEUM, &c.

ART. 1. The Board of Trustees will appoint a Librarian, who shall hold his situation during their pleasure, exercise the duties of his office according to their discretion, and be entitled to receive such compensation as they may from time to time allow.

ART. 2. In case the office of Librarian should become vacant, the President shall take charge of the Library Room and of the books and other property belonging to or deposited therein.

ART. 3. The Museum and collections of specimens in Natural History shall be under the immediate care of the Professor of Natural History, who shall have charge of the room assigned as their place of deposit.

CHAPTER XIII.

OF SESSIONS, VACATIONS AND EXAMINATIONS.

ART. 1. There shall be two vacations in each year—the first to begin the day after Commencement, and to continue six weeks—the second to begin on the twentieth day of December in each year, and to terminate on the tenth day of January following.

ART. 2. The intermediate periods between the foregoing vacations shall each be denominated a Session, and each shall be subdivided into two terms. The first term of the first session shall extend from the beginning to the last Monday in September, and the second term shall be from that time to the end of the Session. The first term of the second Session shall extend from the beginning to the last Monday in March, and the second term shall be from that time to the end of the Session.

ART. 3. There shall be an intermission of the College exercises during the last four days of the first term of each Session, at which time students residing in the vicinity of the Institution may be permitted to visit their homes.

ART. 4. During the periods of vacation and intermission, students are required to observe the same rules of decorum and moral conduct as though they were engaged in their regular Collegiate duties.

ART. 5. There shall be two public Examinations in each year, of all the classes—one beginning at least seven days before Commencement, and the other at least seven days before the twentieth of December. There shall be a public Exhibition, by such students in the different classes as the Faculty may select, and in such exercises as they may prescribe, at the close of each term, excepting the last term of each academic year, which shall be exclusively devoted to the exercises of Commencement, in which the candidates for the Degree of Bachelor of Arts shall engage, in the order in which they may be classed by the Faculty.

ART. 6. The Senior Class, as candidates for the first degree,

shall be required to pass a final examination on all subjects of study in the whole Collegiate course—which examination shall take place four weeks prior to Commencement, and the period intervening between the examination and Commencement shall be allowed as a recess in which to prepare their several exercises for that day.

ART. 7. At the close of each Examination, the students shall be ranked in their Classes, by the Faculty, according to their merits.



CHAPTER XIV.

OF COMMENCEMENT AND DEGREES.

ART. 1. There shall be an annual Commencement on the first Wednesday in June of each year.

ART. 2. No Degree shall be conferred unless the Board of Trustees shall consent thereto.

ART. 3. All degrees shall be conferred by the President, or, in his absence, by the Senior Professor, or by such other member of the Faculty as the Board of Trustees may specially select for that purpose.

ART. 4. All those students who shall have passed honorably through all the studies prescribed by the Board of Trustees, shall receive the Degree of Bachelor of Arts.

ART. 5. Any student who shall, after receiving the degree of Bachelor of Arts, remain in the College one year, and attend to such studies as the Faculty may prescribe, may receive the degree of Master of Arts.

ART. 6. Bachelors of three years standing, and of good moral character, may be admitted to the degree of Master, upon seasonable application to the Board, and on presenting an approved Thesis or pronouncing an approved Oration, and paying the customary fees. In case the application be for an honorary degree, it

must be announced to the Board of Trustees at least three months before Commencement.

ART. 7. Each Graduate shall pay a fee of ten dollars for his Diploma, one fifth of which sum shall be given as a perquisite to the Secretary of the Board of Trustees, and the remainder be paid into the College Treasury.

CHAPTER XV.

OF COLLEGE FEES AND EXPENSES.

ART. 1. The fees to be paid by each student, per Session, shall be as follows:-

Tuition,	-	-	-	-	\$25 00
Room Rent,	-	-	-	-	4 00
Fuel,	-	-	-	-	4 00
Use of Library,	-	-	-	-	2 00

making the sum of thirty-five dollars, which must be paid to the Treasurer of the College at or before the beginning of each Session, either in cash or by a negotiable endorsed note, having not more than six months to run, and bearing interest at the rate of ten per cent. per annum.

ART. 2. Students entering College at any time during the first term of a Session shall pay for a whole Session, but those entering during the second term shall only be required to pay for half a Session.

ART. 3. If any youth of good morals and promising talents be desirous of admission into College, and shall be unable to pay the established fees, the Faculty, by and with the written consent of five members of the Board of Trustees, shall admit him gratis.

ART. 4. All College dues owing by a student must be paid,

and a certificate of the payment be presented to the President, before such student can receive any degree; and no student shall receive a dismissal unless all his dues shall have been first paid.

ART. 5. If any student be expelled, any money he may have advanced, beyond the period of his connection with the Institution, shall be refunded to him.

ART. 6. Every student shall occupy such room in the College as may be assigned him by the President, and shall, in conjunction with his fellow-occupants, if he have any, supply it with all necessary furniture.

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CHAPTER XVI.

OF THE JANITORS.

ART. 1. The Faculty are authorized to employ as many Janitors as may be necessary to keep in order, under their superintendence, the College buildings and grounds, and to supply the rooms with fuel and water and other necessary attendance.

ART. 2. The Janitors shall receive, respectively, from each student on whom they shall attend, such compensation as may be stipulated between the parties; and for taking care of and keeping in order the class rooms, buildings, grounds, &c., such compensation as may be stipulated between them and the Board of Trustees:

OF THE GRAMMAR SCHOOL.



The Grammar School attached to the College of Louisiana shall be called the "Matthews Academy," and shall hereafter be organized and conducted conformably to the regulations laid down in the following articles:

ART. 1. The officers of said Academy shall consist of a Rector and not more than three Instructors, to be chosen by the Board of Trustees—the Instructors to be chosen on the recommendation or by consent of the Rector.

ART. 2. There shall be taught in this Academy—the English, Latin and Greek Languages, Writing, Arithmetic, Geography and History, Book Keeping, Elements of Algebra and Geometry, Drawing, Public Speaking, Music, and such other studies as may be introduced by the Rector and approved by the Board of Trustees, or so much of the whole as may be necessary to prepare students for entering College.

ART. 3. The Sessions, Terms and Vacations of the Academy shall be arranged in the same manner as those in the College of Louisiana, except that the vacation immediately following College Commencement shall continue in the former but four weeks. There shall be the same intermission of studies at the end of each term as in the College.

ART. 4. The Academy shall be at all times open to visitors, and each Class subject to examination by all persons interested in the welfare of the school or the progress of any of the pupils present. Public Examinations and Exhibitions shall be arranged at the discretion of the Rector.

ART. 5. Pupils shall be received into the Academy either as Boarders or as Day Scholars. Boarding shall be provided, in the academic buildings, by the Rector, who shall consider and treat those for whom he thus provides, as far as practicable, in such manner as though they were members of his own family, and amenable to his authority as children to that of a parent.

ART. 6. The academic fees and expenses for each pupil, per Session, shall be twenty dollars for Tuition and Room rent, and eighty dollars for Boarding, including lodging, washing, fuel, lights and attendance—making one hundred dollars,—which must be paid to the Rector, on the terms he may prescribe.

ART. 7. Every boarder shall keep a sufficient supply of clothing, properly marked. Such room furniture as may be necessary must be provided by him, under the direction of the Rector.

ART. 8. The salaries of instructors shall be fixed by the Board of Trustees, and be paid in the same manner as those of the officers of the College. The salary of the Rector shall consist of the revenues of the Academy, the whole of which are allowed him.

ART. 9. All the buildings at the old site of the College shall be and hereby are appropriated to the exclusive use of the Matthews Academy, and shall be under the control of the Rector, who is authorized, with the concurrence of the Visiting Committee, to have necessary repairs and improvements made; and a suitable portion of said buildings shall be appropriated to the use of his family.

ART. 10. A Visiting Committee shall be appointed by the Board of Trustees, to consist of two members of the Board, whose duty it shall be to visit the Academy monthly, and as much oftener as they may deem proper, for the purpose of ascertaining the progress of students, inspecting the condition of the establishment, &c.—which Committee shall make semi-annual reports to the Board of the result of their observations; and if at any time any thing should occur requiring, in their opinion, the immediate action of the Trustees, they shall take the necessary steps, by application to the President, to have the Board convened.

ART. 11. The Rector shall be intrusted with the government of the Academy,—shall assign the duties of the Instructors—make all such regulations as may be deemed necessary for attaining the objects of the Institution, &c.; and at the close of each Session he shall make to the Board of Trustees a written communication, setting forth clearly the operation and condition of the Academy, in all its details.

ART. 12. It shall also be the duty of the Rector to receive as Boarders such of the College students as may desire it, and at a rate not exceeding sixteen dollars per month. The State students attached to the College shall board with him, unless authorized respectively, by a Resolution of the Faculty, to board elsewhere.



