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UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA
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PREFACE

THE University of Virginia is an educational institution of the Commonwealth of Virginia. The duties and powers of its governing body, the Board of Visitors, are set forth in general terms in the statutes of the State, of which those most pertinent are printed in an appendix to this document. The Board itself, however, largely determines its internal organization, its procedures of operation, and the responsibilities of the administrative officers selected by it to carry out its directives of policy and program.

On 12 September 1947 the Board adopted a Manual for the purpose of setting forth its powers and duties and those of the principal administrative officers in order to “clarify the manner in which the Board and such administrative officers shall function.” This Manual was replaced in 1966 by a completely revised Manual that, with several amendments, served as the controlling statement of the Board’s procedure and practice until a revised Manual was adopted by the Board on 30 May 1975. This present edition of the Manual includes a revised Statement of Purpose adopted by the Board on 31 May 1985, and amendments approved since 30 May 1975.

It is hoped that the Manual will give to interested persons, and to new members of the Board in particular, an understanding of the manner in which the Board functions and of its relation to the administrative officers. It cannot, of course, convey an adequate
impression of the spirit and traditions of the University, which so often guide the decisions of the Board. Nor can it adequately express the resolve that has at all times animated the members of the Board—to realize Mr. Jefferson’s high aspirations for the institution.

The Special Committee on the Manual (1966; 1975)
Lawrence Lewis Jr., Chairman
Robert P. Buford
W. Wright Harrison
Ex Officio
Edgar F. Shannon Jr.
(during his presidency)
Frank L. Hereford Jr.
(during his presidency)
Raymond C. Bice Jr. (as Secretary)
Weldon Cooper (as Secretary)
Consultant
Charles K. Woltz

Revisions to the Manual were undertaken in 1991, during the rectorship of Edward Elliott Elson, and in 1997, during the rectorship of Hovey S. Dabney. John T. Casteen III was President of the University in both instances. The 1991 revisions were directed by the Executive Committee of the Board of Visitors under the chairmanship of Mr. Elson. The 1997 revisions were done by a special committee of the Board appointed by the Rector and under the chairmanship of Mr. Champ Clark. Further revisions were made in 1998 under the supervision of Mr. Clark and at the beginning of the rectorship of John P. Ackerly III.
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ON 19 March 1985, with the concurrence of the President, the Faculty Senate of the University of Virginia adopted a new Statement of Institutional Purpose to replace the statement that had been in effect since 17 May 1974. This statement was subsequently recommended by the President to the Board of Visitors, who on 31 May 1985 adopted the Statement of Institutional Purpose reading as follows:

The central purpose of the University of Virginia is to enrich the mind by stimulating and sustaining a spirit of free inquiry directed to understanding the nature of the universe and the role of mankind in it. Activities designed to quicken, discipline, and enlarge the intellectual and creative capacities, as well as the aesthetic and ethical awareness, of the members of the University and to record, preserve, and disseminate the results of intellectual discovery and creative endeavor serve this purpose. In fulfilling it, the University places the highest priority on achieving eminence as a center of higher learning.
THE BOARD OF VISITORS

THE governing body of the University of Virginia is the Board of Visitors, which by statute is made responsible for seeing to the effective government of the University at Charlottesville and all other educational institutions under the governance of the Board of Visitors.

SECTION 2.1 CORPORATE NAME AND GOVERNING BODY—The University is a public corporation that by statute bears the name of “The Rector and Visitors of the University of Virginia.” By statute also the governing body of the corporation, which exercises all the powers vested in The Rector and Visitors of the University of Virginia, is styled the “Board of Visitors” and shall hereafter be referred to as such or as “Board” in this Manual.

SECTION 2.2 COMPOSITION—The Board of Visitors is composed of sixteen members appointed by the Governor, subject to confirmation by the Senate and House of Delegates of Virginia, for terms of four years. Members may be reappointed for one additional four-year term. At least thirteen of the sixteen members must be from the State at large, and not more than three may be appointed from alumni or alumnae living outside the State. At least eleven of the sixteen members must be alumni or alumnæ of the University.

The statute provides that for each vacancy on the
Board of Visitors, the Alumni Association of the University of Virginia shall propose three names to the Governor for possible appointment. Such proposals, however, are advisory only, and the Governor may appoint persons other than those recommended by the Alumni Association. A vacancy on the Board is filled by appointment by the Governor for the unexpired term. A person filling an unexpired term may be reappointed by the Governor for two additional four-year terms.

SECTION 2.21 STUDENT NONVOTING MEMBER—At the first regular meeting of the second semester of the academic session each year, on recommendation of the Executive Committee, the Board of Visitors may appoint for a term of one year, a full-time student at the University of Virginia as a nonvoting member of the Board of Visitors, in addition to those members referred to in Section 2.2 above. Such student may attend and participate in a nonvoting capacity in the deliberations and meetings of the Standing and Special Committees of the Board as well as meetings of the Board of Visitors itself.

SECTION 2.22 VISITORS EMERITI—In recognition of the invaluable service they render to the University during their terms of office and the informed counsel they may continue to provide after their terms expire, former Members of the Board shall be designated Visitors Emeriti. Further, Visitors Emeriti shall be sent copies of the Minutes of each Board meeting and be invited to meet at least once each year with current members of the Board at a social function.

SECTION 2.3 MEETINGS—Meetings of the Board are of three kinds: the Annual Meeting, regular meetings, and special meetings.
SECTION 2.31 THE ANNUAL MEETING—The one meeting each year required by statute is known as the Annual Meeting and is required to be held at the University at Charlottesville. At this meeting the Board elects an Executive Committee, receives a report from the President on the state of the University, considers and approves the annual budget, and reviews and decides on such other matters as may come before it. The date for the Annual Meeting is prescribed by the Board at the last regular meeting in the preceding calendar year. On the recommendation of the Rector and the President, the date and time of the Annual Meeting may be changed by the Executive Committee.

SECTION 2.32 REGULAR MEETINGS—There shall be such other regular meetings of the Board of Visitors each year as the Board may determine. These meetings shall be held on such dates and at such places for the succeeding calendar year as the Board shall determine at the last regular meeting of a calendar year. The time, date, and place of a regular meeting may be changed by a quorum of the Board of Visitors or by the Executive Committee.

SECTION 2.33 SPECIAL MEETINGS—Special meetings of the Board may be called by the Rector or by any three Visitors at such dates, times, and places as may be specified in the call for the meeting. No matter may be considered at any special meeting that was not included in the call of that meeting except by a two-thirds vote of the Visitors present at the meeting.

SECTION 2.34 NOTICE OF MEETINGS—Due notice in writing of the Annual Meeting and all regular meetings and of any changes in the dates, times, or places of a
regular meeting shall be given by the Secretary of the Board of Visitors. Such written notice shall be sent at least ten days prior to the meeting. Written notice of all special meetings shall be sent by the Secretary at least five days in advance of the meeting. All notices of a special meeting shall indicate the item or items of business to be considered.

SECTION 2.35 QUORUM—A quorum for the conduct of business by the full Board of Visitors shall consist of five members of the Board (as required by statute) except in those instances where other statutory provisions, as, for example, in the consideration of revenue bond issues, may require a larger number for the transaction of particular items of business. A quorum for the Executive Committee and all Standing and Special Committees of the Board of Visitors shall consist of one-third of the appointed members of the committee, except that in no case shall the number be fewer than two.

SECTION 2.36 TELEPHONIC PARTICIPATION—Participation and/or voting by telephone at meetings of the Board of Visitors or its committees is prohibited unless proper public notice is provided as required by law, and arrangements are timely coordinated with the Secretary. Executive or closed meeting discussions may not, however, be conducted by telephone.

SECTION 2.37 DOCKETS—For the Annual Meeting and each regular meeting, the Secretary shall prepare, under the supervision of the Rector and the President, a docket comprising such matters as the Board, the Rector, the President, and the chairman of each Standing Committee shall refer for consideration. This docket
shall include all the agenda items to be considered by the Board and its committees at such meetings that are known by the Rector, the President, and the Secretary at the time the docket is prepared. After receiving the Rector’s approval, a copy of this docket, to be called the Regular Docket, shall be mailed to each member of the Board at least ten days prior to the meeting of the Board. Consideration of matters not appearing on the Regular Docket shall require the consent of two-thirds of the Visitors present. The notice of a special meeting containing a list of the items to be considered shall take the place of the Regular Docket at a special meeting.

**SECTION 2.38 CONDUCT OF BUSINESS**—All meetings shall be conducted in accordance with the principles of procedure prescribed in Roberts’ *Rules of Order*.

**SECTION 2.4 POWERS AND DUTIES**—The powers and duties conferred upon the Board are to be exercised for the purpose of carrying into effect the Statement of Institutional Purpose contained in Chapter 1.

The major powers and duties are

1. the preservation of the ideals and traditions of the University and particularly encouragement of the maintenance of the Honor System by the student body;
2. the establishment of general education policy;
3. the authorization of the establishment of any additional center, branch, college, or school and, when necessary, the presentation of such action to the State Council of Higher Education, for its recommendation, and to the General Assembly, for its approval;
the authorization of the creation or discontinuation of degrees;

the election of a Rector, President, Chief Financial Officer, and Secretary, and the election of salaried members of the faculty, except for those faculty members designated by the President during the period between meetings of the Board of Visitors, at which time the President’s actions may be formally ratified by the Board at its next regular meeting (the foregoing, however, is subject to the provisions of Section 4.22);

the determination of the salary ranges for all faculty ranks and the establishment of insurance, retirement, and other programs for the faculty’s benefit;

the establishment or discontinuation of any faculty rank;

the granting of leaves of absence to and the approval of promotions of faculty members;

the establishment of named chairs;

the regulation of the government and discipline of students and the renting of rooms and dormitories;

the approval of general policy governing student scholarships and loans;

the establishment of scholarships by the remission of tuition within guidelines established by the State for undergraduate students of character and ability in need of financial assistance;

the fixing of tuition charges, other fees, and room rentals;

the issuance of revenue bonds to finance projects required by or convenient for the purposes of the students under its control;
the approval of regulations relating to the use of automobiles by students;
the care and preservation of all property belonging to the University;
the purchase of real estate;
the sale, with the approval of the Governor, of any real estate acquired since 1 January 1900 and the sale, with the approval of the General Assembly, of real estate acquired by purchase prior thereto;
the granting of easements for roads, streets, sewers, water lines, utility lines, or other purposes;
the exercise of the power of eminent domain;
provision for the submission of such reports and budget requests as may be required by the appropriate agency of the State Government;
the approval of the annual budget;
the formulation and periodic revision of long-range plans;
the election, on nomination of and with the concurrence of the President, of the Vice-Presidents of the University and the chief local administrative officer of Clinch Valley College, this officer having the title of Chancellor, all of whom are directly responsible to the President; and
the exercise of other powers conferred on corporations by the provisions of Title 13.1 of the Code of Virginia.
THE COMMITTEE SYSTEM

THE committee system of the Board shall be composed of the Executive Committee, standing committees, and special committees. The Secretary of the Board shall serve as the secretary of each committee, keep the minutes of the meetings of the committees, and perform such other duties as the committees may require. The President shall make provision for such additional consultative services as may be requested by a committee chairman. In addition to the appointed members, the Rector shall be an ex officio member of all standing and special committees.

SECTION 3.1 THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE—At each Annual Meeting the Board shall elect from among its membership an Executive Committee composed of five members. These five members shall consist of the Rector, who shall serve as chair, and four Visitors to be elected by the Board. Nominations for these four positions on the Executive Committee may be made by any Visitor, and if there are more than four nominations a vote shall be taken and the results shall be announced jointly by the Rector and the Secretary. Any vacancy on the Executive Committee shall be filled for the unexpired term at the next regular meeting of the Board and by vote if there is more than one nomination.

The Executive Committee shall meet upon the call of the Rector. It shall consider all matters referred to it
by the Rector or the President and shall, in the interim between meetings of the Board, be vested with the powers and authority of the full Board and shall take such action on all matters that may be referred to it as in its judgment is required. All such actions taken by the Executive Committee in the interim between meetings of the Board shall be reported to the Board at the next regular meeting and shall, if confirmation is required, be confirmed and approved by the Board at that time.

SECTION 3.2 STANDING COMMITTEES—The standing committees of the Board of Visitors shall consist of the Finance Committee, Buildings and Grounds Committee, Student Affairs and Athletics Committee, Educational Policy Committee, Health Affairs Committee, External Affairs Committee, the Audit Committee, and the Clinch Valley College Committee. The number to be appointed to each standing committee shall be determined by the Rector at the time of appointment. However, no committee shall consist of fewer than three members.

The standing committees shall be appointed by the Rector at the Annual Meeting of each year, or as soon as possible thereafter, and at the time of appointment the Rector shall designate the chair of each committee. A vacancy on any committee shall be filled by the Rector for the unexpired term, and the Rector shall have the power to change the membership of any standing committee at any time. Each standing committee shall meet at the call of the chair, the Rector, or the President and shall consider such matters as may be referred to it by these officers or by members of the committee.

The Secretary shall prepare a docket for each committee meeting and shall attend the meeting.
In addition to the duties of the standing committees as listed below, each committee shall consider such other matters as may be referred to it by the Board, the Rector, the President, or the chair, and shall make its report and recommendations as required to the Board, to the President, and, upon the request of the Rector, to the Executive Committee. No standing committee has power or authority to commit the Board to any policy or action unless specifically granted such power or authority by the Board. In such cases, a report of final action by any committee shall be made at the next regular meeting of the Board and, if confirmation is required, shall be confirmed and approved by the Board at that time.

Any grant to a committee of power or authority to commit the Board shall be reviewed by the Board at the Annual Meeting in each year, at which time it may be modified or rescinded by majority vote of the members present without complying with the requirements for amending this Manual.

section 3.21 finance committee—The Finance Committee shall be responsible in all matters relating to the University’s financial affairs and business operations. It shall review and approve the annual budget and the setting of tuition rates, student fees, and other student charges for recommendation to the Board. On behalf of the Board, it shall approve the investment of endowment and other funds, the purchase of real and personal property, and the making of loans to faculty members, and it shall make progress reports to the Board on its actions.

The Board may delegate responsibility for management of the University’s endowment and nonstate
investments to a subcommittee of the Finance Committee, to be known as the University of Virginia Investment Management Company. The subcommittee shall consist of the Rector, the chair of the Finance Committee who shall also be chair of the subcommittee, three members of the Finance Committee appointed by the Rector, the President or the President’s designee, and a minority representation of not more than four members appointed by the Board from the general public for their investment experience and expertise.

SECTION 3.22 BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE—The Buildings and Grounds Committee shall have responsibility in all matters relating to the physical plant and equipment. It shall exercise oversight over the care, maintenance, and security of the University’s buildings and grounds; the selection of architects and the construction and naming of new buildings; the care and preservation of all furnishings and equipment; and such other matters relating to the buildings and grounds of the University as may come before it. On behalf of the Board, it shall approve the location and design of new buildings and shall make progress reports to the Board on its actions.

SECTION 3.23 STUDENT AFFAIRS AND ATHLETICS COMMITTEE—The Student Affairs and Athletics Committee shall be responsible in all matters relating to nonacademic student affairs and to athletics. It shall exercise oversight over student conduct, residential and social life, extracurricular activities, food services, health, and such other matters relating to student affairs as may be brought to its attention. The Committee shall have oversight over athletic policy and programs, both intramural and intercollegiate.
SECTION 3.24 EDUCATIONAL POLICY COMMITTEE—The Educational Policy Committee shall have responsibility in all matters relating to educational policies and programs, except for those matters subject to the oversight of the Health Affairs Committee. The Educational Policy Committee shall exercise oversight over the proposal of new degrees and educational programs by the President, the conditions affecting the recruitment and retention of faculty members, the adequacy of instructional facilities, and such other matters relating to the educational policies and programs as may be brought before it by the President or referred to it by the Board.

SECTION 3.25 HEALTH AFFAIRS COMMITTEE—The Health Affairs Committee shall have responsibility in all matters relating to medical affairs, including the School of Medicine, the School of Nursing, the Health Sciences Center, and other matters associated with health care.

SECTION 3.26 AUDIT COMMITTEE—The Audit Committee shall be responsible for all matters relating to financial accounting and reporting. The Audit Committee shall have direct access to internal and external auditors to assess their performance, the scope of audit activities and the adequacy of the system of internal accounting controls.

SECTION 3.27 EXTERNAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE—The External Affairs Committee shall have responsibility in all matters pertaining to University development, alumni affairs, and public communications. It shall exercise oversight over programs that promote private donations to and alumni support of the University, including related activities undertaken directly by Uni-
versity offices and by affiliated foundations on the University’s behalf.

SECTION 3.28 CLINCH VALLEY COLLEGE COMMITTEE—The Clinch Valley College Committee is charged with maintaining liaison between the Board of Visitors and the Chancellor of Clinch Valley College. The Committee will work to assist the Chancellor in carrying out the Chancellor’s duties and to further the advancement of Clinch Valley College.

SECTION 3.3 SPECIAL COMMITTEES—Special committees may be constituted at any time either by action of the Board or by written direction of the Rector. Such committees shall consist of no fewer than three members appointed by the Rector and shall have a life of not to exceed one year unless renewed for a specified period by action of either the Board or the Rector. At the time a special committee is created, its mission shall be specifically established either by action of the Board or by written direction of the Rector, and the resolution of the Board or the direction of the Rector shall specify the time the special committee is to make its report to the Board.
OFFICERS OF THE BOARD

THE Officers of the Board of Visitors shall consist of the Rector of the University of Virginia, the President of the University, the Chief Financial Officer of the University, the General Counsel of the University, and the Secretary to the Board of Visitors.

SECTION 4.1 THE RECTOR OF THE UNIVERSITY—The Rector of the University is especially charged with the duty of maintaining that level of interest and activity among the members of the Board of Visitors as will best contribute to the determination of broad policies, wise planning for the future, intelligent and considerate observance of the rights of the faculty and the student body, including the care and preservation of the Honor System, and the maintenance of the independence of the Board from outside influences harmful to the interests of the students and faculty of the University.

SECTION 4.11 ELECTION—The Board at its first regular meeting after 28 February 1986, and every fourth year thereafter, shall elect a Rector from among its members to serve until 28 February of the fourth year thereafter. At the election meeting, the election shall be by majority vote of the members present following nominations, and the Secretary shall serve as the presiding officer until an election is accomplished unless the Board decides to appoint another presiding officer. The
Secretary shall count the votes and announce the election of the Rector.

**SECTION 4.12  POWERS AND DUTIES**—The Rector shall be the presiding officer of the Board of Visitors at all of its meetings and as such shall have the power, unless otherwise directed by the Board, to fix the order of business, appoint all standing and special committees (except the Executive Committee), and require the proper preservation of a record of the Board’s proceedings by the Secretary. Without diminishing the right of individual Visitors to publicly express their personal views, the Rector, unless otherwise determined by the Board or the Rector, shall act as spokesman for the Board of Visitors. The Rector shall perform such additional duties as may be imposed on his office by statute or by the direction of the Board.

Whenever the office of the President becomes vacant or a vacancy is impending, the Rector shall appoint a Special Committee on the Nomination of a President from among the membership of the Board to seek and recommend to the Board a person to fill the vacancy.

This special committee shall be under the chairmanship of the Rector, and the committee shall consist of no fewer than five members.

**SECTION 4.13  VACANCIES**—A vacancy in the office of Rector shall be filled by the Board for the unexpired term, following the procedure set forth in Section 4.11. If the cause of the vacancy is the expiration of the Rector’s term as a member of the Board, the vacancy shall be filled at the first regular meeting following such expiration. If the vacancy occurs from any other cause, the vacancy shall be filled at the first regular meeting
after such vacancy occurs or at a special meeting called for that purpose, at which meeting a quorum shall consist of eleven Visitors.

SECTION 4.14 RECTOR PRO TEMPORE—In the absence of the Rector at any meeting or in the event of his disability or of a vacancy in the office, the chair of the Finance Committee shall serve as Rector pro tempore. If the chair of the Finance Committee is absent or is unable to serve, the Board shall elect a Rector pro tempore for that meeting.

SECTION 4.2 THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNIVERSITY—The President of the University shall be the chief executive and academic officer of the University. The President shall be a member of the General Faculty and of the faculty of the College and of each of the schools of the University.

SECTION 4.21 ELECTION—The President shall be elected by the Board of Visitors and may be removed only by assent of two-thirds of the whole number of Visitors. The President shall attend all meetings of the Board and shall have notice of and the privilege of attending all meetings of its committees.

SECTION 4.22 POWERS AND DUTIES—As the chief executive and academic officer of the University, the President shall have the following powers and duties:

1 he shall have responsibility for the operation of the University in conformity with the purposes and policies determined by the Board;

2 he shall act as adviser to the Board and shall have responsibility for recommending to it for consideration those policies and programs
which in his opinion will best promote the interests of the University;

3 he shall recommend to the Board long-range educational goals and programs and the new degrees that may be best suited to attain those goals and programs;

4 he shall have the power to establish and modify as he deems necessary the internal administrative structure of the University and shall appoint, or provide for the appointment of all administrative officers except for the Vice-Presidents and the Chancellor of Clinch Valley College, making a report of his actions thereon to the Board at the next regular meeting;

5 he shall recommend to the Board of Visitors the election and initial compensation of salaried members of the faculty holding professorial rank or named chairs, promotions of faculty members to the ranks of associate professor, full professor, and professor emeritus, and the removal of faculty members for cause;

6 he shall appoint instructors at the first salary step and shall reappoint lecturers after an initial election by the Board;

7 he shall be authorized, after consultation with the Dean, department head, and other affected administrative officer to suspend any faculty member at any time for proper cause;

8 he shall serve as President of the Faculty Senate of the University;

9 he shall have primary responsibility for the establishment and maintenance of proper relationships with the alumni;

10 he shall at all times maintain cordial relation-
ships with the students, guarding and protecting their best interests;
11 he shall use his particular efforts to preserve and foster the Honor System;
12 he shall be responsible for the discipline of students with the power to impose appropriate penalties including expulsion;
13 he shall submit to the Board in advance of the Annual Meeting each year an annual budget for the operation of the University for the following fiscal year, and shall prepare and submit to the Governor a biennial budget request as required by law or regulation;
14 he shall promote the development of the endowment funds of the University and be authorized to accept any gift or grant subject to the approval of the Governor as required, making a report thereon to the Board of such gifts or grants; and
15 he shall perform such other duties as may be required by the Board.

SECTION 4.3 POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER—The Chief Financial Officer, who is elected by the Board of Visitors on the nomination of the President of the University, is an Officer of the Board. The Chief Financial Officer shall have supervision of the financial affairs of all colleges, schools, and divisions of the University and shall advise the Board of Visitors and the President, under whose immediate direction he shall be, on all financial matters affecting the University. Subject to the direction of the Board and the President, the Chief Financial Officer shall prescribe accounting procedures and practices for the dis-
bursement of all funds, promulgate management policies and procedures for auxiliary services and operations, and institute budgetary policies and controls which will assure the faithful execution of the budgets. The Chief Financial Officer shall see that no expenditures are made without proper authorization. In addition, he shall advise the Board of Visitors and its committees on all matters relating to the duties of his office. He shall perform such other duties as may be assigned to him by the Board or the President.

SECTION 4.4 SECRETARY TO THE BOARD OF VISITORS—At the first regular meeting after 28 February 1986 and every fourth year thereafter, upon the nomination of the President and the Rector in concurrence, the Board of Visitors shall elect a Secretary to serve until 28 February of the fourth year thereafter and until his successor is elected.

Any vacancy in the office shall be filled for the unexpired term in the same manner as election for the full term.

SECTION 4.41 POWERS AND DUTIES—The Secretary shall attend all meetings of the Board of Visitors and its committees and shall record the minutes of all proceedings. He shall prepare minutes of such meetings that, after approval by the Board, shall be recorded in the permanent records of the Board of Visitors. He shall maintain an up-to-date inventory of Board policies. He shall give proper notice of all meetings of the Board, shall preserve as directed all documents or papers pertaining to the actions of the Board, and shall keep in safe custody the seal of the University, which he shall affix to any instrument when authorized by the Board.
or persons designated by it, including the Rector, the President, or the Chief Financial Officer. In addition to the foregoing, the Secretary shall perform those functions and have those duties or responsibilities which are usual to the duties of a secretary and shall assist the Board of Visitors in the discharge of its official duties. He shall, under the immediate direction of the President, perform such other duties as may be assigned to him by the Board, the Rector, or the President.

SECTION 4.5 GENERAL COUNSEL OF THE UNIVERSITY

SECTION 4.51 ELECTION—By statute, a General Counsel of the University shall be appointed by the Attorney General of the Commonwealth of Virginia. Thereafter, on nomination of the President, the Board of Visitors shall elect the General Counsel to serve at its pleasure.

SECTION 4.52 POWERS AND DUTIES—As the chief legal officer of the University, the General Counsel shall advise the Board and the President, under whose immediate direction he shall be, on all legal matters affecting the University. He shall perform such other duties as may be assigned to him by the Board or the President.
MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

SECTION 5.1 APPEALS TO THE BOARD—The Board at its discretion shall consider such appeals as are provided for in the University regulations except that in no event shall the Board consider an appeal from a decision of the Honor Committee involving an honor offense.

SECTION 5.2 RETIREMENT—The President, Chief Financial Officer, General Counsel, and Secretary shall relinquish their positions as Officers of the Board upon retirement or resignation from their administrative duties.

SECTION 5.3 COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD—All communications of an official nature directed to the Board of Visitors shall be channeled through the office of the President. All communications of an official nature from the Board of Visitors shall be similarly channeled or copies thereof shall be furnished to the President.

SECTION 5.4 MINUTES OF BOARD MEETINGS—The minutes of the Annual, Regular, and Special meetings of the Board shall be open to inspection as required by state law.

SECTION 5.41 CLERK OF THE BOARD—The President may appoint a Clerk of the Board to provide administrative and clerical support to the Secretary, the Presi-
dent, the Rector, and members of the Board in fulfilling their responsibilities as prescribed in this *Manual*. The Clerk of the Board shall serve at the pleasure of the President.

**SECTION 5.5 EXECUTION OF INSTRUMENTS**—The Rector, the President, the Chief Financial Officer, and other persons designated by the Board of Visitors shall be authorized to execute, in the name and on behalf of The Rector and Visitors of the University of Virginia, any instrument that may require the name of the corporation to be signed thereto, and the Secretary shall have authority to affix the seal of the corporation to any such instrument and to deliver it to the party entitled to receive it.

**SECTION 5.6 ASSIGNMENT OF SECURITIES**—The Rector, the President, the Chief Financial Officer, and other persons designated by the Board of Visitors shall have authority to sell, assign, and transfer any and all stocks, bonds, evidences of indebtedness or interest thereon, rights and options to acquire or sell the same, and all other securities, corporate or otherwise, standing in the name or belonging to the Rector and Visitors of the University of Virginia in any capacity. The same persons have authority to give the assent of the corporation to mergers, consolidations, agreements for a deposit of stock, or for reorganization of any corporation or corporations in which the Rector and Visitors of the University of Virginia as a corporation may have an interest.

**SECTION 5.7 THE MANUAL**—The *Manual of the Board of Visitors of the University of Virginia* sets forth the
Board’s powers and duties and those of the principal administrative officers in order to clarify the manner in which the Board and such administrative officers shall function. As the controlling statement of the Board’s procedure and practice, the *Manual* constitutes the by-laws of the corporation.

**SECTION 5.8 DISTRIBUTION OF THE MANUAL**—A copy of this *Manual* and any amendments that may be made thereto shall be provided by the Secretary to each member of the Board and to each new member of the Board immediately following his or her appointment to the Board. At periodic intervals, on direction of the Rector, the Secretary shall cause the *Manual* to be reprinted, incorporating therein all amendments which have been adopted following the effective date of this *Manual* or its last reprinting.

**SECTION 5.9 AMENDMENTS TO THE MANUAL**—This *Manual* may be amended at any regular meeting of the Board by a majority vote of all the members of the Board provided that the proposed amendment has been submitted to the Executive Committee and its views on the amendment have been submitted to the Board and that notice of the amendment was included in the regular notice of the meeting.

**SECTION 5.10 EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE MANUAL**—The provisions of this *Manual* shall go into effect on 30 March 1998. As of their effective date, these provisions shall supersede all prior actions of the Board that are inconsistent with them.
APPENDIXES
THOMAS JEFFERSON ON HIGHER EDUCATION

DOCUMENTS RELATIVE TO

THE FOUNDING OF

THE UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA

INTRODUCTION

John Cook Wyllie, Director of Libraries

Printed here are the basic documents relative to the founding of the University of Virginia. Thomas Jefferson’s hand is transparently clear in all of these, but a word on the text is in order.

The two statutes (one at the beginning printed in excerpt and the one at the end in full) are taken from the annual volumes of the Acts of the Virginia General Assembly. The Rockfish Gap documents are a reprint of the only surviving copy now known of the Proceedings and Report of the Commissioners for the University of Virginia, a pamphlet separately printed in 1818 for the use of the members of the Virginia House of Delegates. This pamphlet is now for the first time completely reprinted, although portions of it have frequently been reproduced from other texts. Of the
earlier printings, two before this one have been made by or for the Board of Visitors, one during the Rectorship of Jefferson, one during the Rectorship of A. H. H. Stuart, son of the Archibald Stuart who sat on the Board of Commissioners with Jefferson and cast one of the two votes to locate the University in Staunton.

Jefferson’s own reprint of 1824 omitted, obviously by intention, the details of the contingent gifts to the University which depended upon the site chosen. These details were by law required in the 1818 Report, but in 1824 a proper regard for the feelings of the underbidder in the non-auction, or a decent respect for the pride of a sister educational institution, may have influenced the Rector in this editorial excision.

Only indifferent proofreading on the part of the eighty-one-year-old Rector can, however, explain the other deviations in the 1824 text. Of substantive changes, there were two instances of multiple word omission (three, if the printing of the final statute is included), and the earliest of these does at first glance look like an editorial honing away of unnecessary wordage: the original “Act appropriating part of the revenue of the Literary Fund” became, in 1824, “Act appropriating part of the Literary Fund.” Textually unimportant as this change might seem, its existence clarifies the lengthy omission some pages later of the last nine words in the expression “specification of languages to be taught by the Professor of modern languages.” This excision might be mistaken for a change in plan with respect to one of the professorships. Instead, considered in juxtaposition with the earlier excision, one may say with certainty that the compositor who set the type in 1824 had the bad habit of skipping from one line of a text to the next line when the same
word occurred in both. In the first instance, he skipped from one “of” to another; in the second, from one “languages” to another.

This is the justification for not using as a copy text the last form that came under Jefferson’s editorial supervision. The later miscellaneous changes (including the reduction of a portion of some posttabular comments to a lengthy footnote) are, in short, clearly the printer’s, not the author’s.

Ten printings of the Rockfish Gap documents have been located, only one of these done in the present century. The earliest, the cleanest (“place” was substituted for “plan” on page 10 [page 48 of this printing] and three obvious typographical errors [here corrected] were made), and the most complete is reprinted here from a pamphlet of 30 pages printed in December 1818 by Thomas Ritchie, Printer for the Commonwealth, in 500 copies by order of the House of Delegates. The late Dr. E. G. Swem (Bibliography of Virginia, 1917, No. 9014) knew this had been printed but was unable to locate a copy.

This was closely followed by a pamphlet of 14 pages printed in 1818 by John Warrock, Printer to the Senate, in 150 copies by order of the Senate. Dr. Swem (No. 9041) also knew of this, but again was unable to locate a copy. It included the Report in extenso, but omitted the Proceedings of the Commissioners, the letter of transmittal, and the supplementary statement regarding gifts.

The Proceedings and Report (without their ancillary documents) were first reprinted at other than public expense by Thomas Ritchie in his Richmond Enquirer (XV, No. 63) for 10 December 1818, with the comment that the Report “is, we believe, with a few
variations, from the ever luminous pen of Thomas Jefferson.” Presumably from this source, it was copied in the Philadelphia *Analectic Magazine*, XIII (February 1819), 103–16, where the editor commented that “the report is said to be from the pen of Mr. Jefferson.”

Next followed the two journal printings, of the House (Swem No. 9011, which omitted the supplementary material referred to in Jefferson’s letter of transmittal) and of the Senate (Swem No. 9039, which included only the Report).

Jefferson’s own reprint, a pamphlet of 29 pages printed in Charlottesville in 1824 by C. P. McKennie, was sold by the University Proctor for 12½ cents (the coin was known as the “one bit” piece before it disappeared from our coinage, leaving its name only with its twin) and was so advertised on the *Explanations, of the Ground Plan of the University* which accompanied the Maverick Plan.

N. F. Cabell (great-grandson of the Joseph C. Cabell who received the original draft as well as one of the manuscript copies sent to the Assembly in 1818) printed the Report without its ancillary documents as Appendix I to his *Early History of the University of Virginia* (Richmond, 1856), pp. 432–47; and Roy J. Honeywell reprinted this as Appendix J in *The Educational Work of Thomas Jefferson* (Cambridge, 1931), pp. 248–60, with the annotation that it was “written by Jefferson before the meeting and was adopted by the commissioners with only minor changes.”

Only one further reprinting, in Richmond in 1879, has been located. The Report appeared then on pages 7–17 of the *Annual Report of the Board of Visitors of the University of Virginia for the fiscal year ending May 31, 1879.*
Jefferson’s report is often cited (sometimes as the “Rockfish Report,” sometimes as the “Rockfish Gap Report”), but although it is quite significant in the history of pedagogics, it has never appeared among Jefferson’s collected writings, and even its authorship has in part been thrown into question by the quotation out of context of the comment in Jefferson’s letter of 20 November 1818, to Joseph C. Cabell, that the Report was “written in great haste, and by several hands, dividing the work.”

When Jefferson wrote these words, he was referring to the handwritten copies of the Report produced for the House and Senate in a year of grace before Xerox. These copies, one of which may still be seen in the Virginia State Archives in Richmond, were written out by pen in great haste, with several people dividing the parts to be copied.

The Report itself bears the authentic marks of Jefferson’s single authorship, not the evidence of haste and collaboration. It is a careful statement resulting from a lifetime’s contemplation of a subject of central importance to the author. For this reason the present printing has been entitled “Thomas Jefferson on Higher Education.” If there is a lingering doubt in anyone’s mind as to the accuracy of this title on the grounds of authorship, it can be allayed by an examination of the working draft, entirely in Jefferson’s hand, of the chief documents involved. This working draft is now in the Jefferson Papers of the University of Virginia Library.
THE STATUTE OF 1818

CHAPTER XI.—An act appropriating part of the revenue of the Literary Fund, and for other purposes

[Passed February 21st, 1818.]

1. **BE it enacted by the General Assembly** . . . [The first seven sections concern matters other than the University.]

8. **Be it further enacted**, That there shall be established, in some convenient and proper part of the State, a university to be called, “The University of Virginia,”—wherein all the branches of useful science shall be taught. In order to aid the Legislature in ascertaining the permanent site of the said University, and in organizing it, there shall be appointed without delay by the Executive of this Commonwealth twenty-four discreet and intelligent persons, who shall constitute a board to be called “The board of commissioners for the University.” One member of the said board, shall be appointed from each of the Senatorial districts, as they were arranged, by an act of the last session of the Legislature. If any person so appointed shall fail or refuse to act, his place shall be supplied from the same district, by appointment of the president and directors of the literary fund. The said board shall meet on the first day of August next at the tavern in Rockfish gap on the Blue Ridge for the purpose of performing the duties hereby assigned to them. At least three-fourths of the whole
number shall be necessary to form a board for the transaction of business; but any smaller number may adjourn from day to day, until a quorum shall attend. The said board, when assembled, shall have power to adjourn from time to time, and from place to place, until their duties shall have been performed. It shall be their duty to enquire and report to the Legislature at their next session:

First—A proper site for the University;
Secondly—A plan for the buildings thereof;
Thirdly—The branches of learning, which should be taught therein;
Fourthly—The number and description of professorships; and
Fifthly—Such general provisions as might properly be enacted by the Legislature, for the better organising and governing the University.

The said board are also authorised and required to receive any voluntary contributions, whether conditional or absolute, whether in land, money or other property, which may be offered, through them, to the president and directors of the literary fund, for the benefit of the University; and to report the same to the Legislature, at their next session. The members of the said board of commissioners shall be allowed for their services the same pay and traveling expenses, as are allowed to members of the General Assembly, to be ascertained and certified by the board, and paid out of the literary fund.

9. Be it further enacted, That, as soon as the site of the said University shall be ascertained by law, there shall be appropriated, out of the revenue of the literary
fund, the sum of fifteen thousand dollars per annum, for the purpose of defraying the expences of procuring the land and erecting the buildings, and for the permanent endowment of the said University; Provided, however, that the appropriation, hereby made to the University, shall in no manner impair or diminish the appropriations hereinbefore made to the education of the poor in the several counties and corporations.

10. Be it further enacted, That the University aforesaid shall be under the government of thirteen visitors to be appointed by the president and directors of the literary fund, and to hold their offices for seven years, and until their successors shall be appointed, unless sooner displaced by the said president and directors. All vacancies in the office of visitor, by death, resignation, or removal out of the Commonwealth, or failure to act, for the space of one year, shall be supplied by the said president and directors.

11. The said visitors shall appoint one of their own body to be rector, and they shall be a body corporate, under the name and style of “The rector and visitors of the University of Virginia;” and, as such, they may have and use a common seal, receive and hold property for the benefit of the University, sue and be sued, implead and be impleaded. They shall have power to appoint a clerk for their own body, and allow him a reasonable compensation for his services; to appoint and remove the professors and teachers and all other officers of the University; to regulate their salaries and fees; and to make all such by-laws, rules and regulations, as may be necessary to the good government of the University, and not contrary to the laws of the land. But the said rector and visitors shall at all times conform to such
laws, as the Legislature may from time to time think proper to enact for their government; and the said University shall in all things, at all times, be subject to the controul of the Legislature.

12. This act shall commence and be in force from and after the first day of March next.
SIR,

The Commissioners appointed under the Act of the last General Assembly, for appropriating a part of the revenue of the Literary Fund, and for other purposes, met according to law, at the Rockfish Gap, on the 1st day of August last, and having continued their session by adjournments until the 4th day of that month, agreed to a report, which being signed in duplicates, individually and unanimously, by all the members who attended, they instructed me to transmit to the Speakers of both Houses of the Legislature. In obedience to that instruction, I now inclose one of the said original reports, with a copy of their journal, and of the documents exhibited and left in their possession.

Some of the outstanding subscription papers therein mentioned, have been returned with additional subscriptions to the amount of 2650 dollars, and an additional purchase has been made of 48 3/4 acres of land.
adjoining the site of the Central College, necessary to the probable extent of buildings, should that be adopted, as proposed by the report, for the site of the University; which circumstances having taken place since the date of the report, I have deemed it a duty to mention as supplementary to it.

I have the honor to be with sentiments of the highest respect and consideration,

Sir, your most obedient and most humble servant,

TH: JEFFERSON.

The Honorable the Speaker
of the House of Delegates of Virginia.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD

The Commissioners for the “University of Virginia” having been required by law to meet at the tavern in Rockfish Gap, on the Blue Ridge, on the first day of August, 1818, the following members attended, (to wit;) Creed Taylor, Peter Randolph, William Brockenbrough, Archibald Rutherford, Archibald Stuart, James Breckenridge, Henry E. Watkins, James Madison, Armistead T. Mason, Hugh Holmes, Philip C. Pendleton, Spencer Roane, John McTaylor, John G. Jackson, Thomas Wilson, Philip Slaughter, William H. Cabell, Nathaniel H. Claiborne, Thomas Jefferson, William A. G. Dade, and William Jones, and their appointments being duly proven, they formed a Board, and proceeded to the discharge of the duties prescribed to them by the Act of the Legislature, entitled, “An Act appropriating a part of the revenue of the Literary Fund, and for other purposes.”

Thomas Jefferson, Esq. was unanimously elected
President of the Board, and Thomas W. Maury appointed Secretary, who appeared and took his seat as such.

The Board proceeded to the first duty enjoined on them, (to wit;) to enquire and report a proper site for the University, whereupon the towns of Lexington and Staunton, and the Central College, were severally proposed; and after some time spent in debate thereon, on motion of Mr. Rutherford; it was

Resolved, That the consideration be postponed for the present.

On motion by Mr. Dade, (who stated it to be his object to ascertain the sense of the Board on the question, whether the Board would visit the several places proposed for the site of the University, at the same moment that he himself was opposed to the adoption of such resolution,) that when this Board adjourns, it shall be to Lexington, in the County of Rockbridge; it was unanimously decided in the negative.

On motion, Resolved, That a Select Committee of six members be appointed by ballot to consider and report on all the duties assigned to this Board, except that relating to the site of the University, and a committee was appointed of Mr. Jefferson, Mr. Madison, Mr. Roane, Mr. Stuart, Mr. Dade, and Mr. Breckenridge.

On a motion by Mr. Stuart, that when the Board adjourns, it shall be to the town of Staunton, in the County of Augusta, it was decided in the negative.

On motion, Resolved, That when this Board adjourns, it will adjourn till 9 o’clock, on Monday morning.

And the Board was accordingly adjourned till 9 o’clock on Monday morning.
MONDAY, August 3d, 1818.

The Board having met according to adjournment,

On the motion of Mr. Roane, Resolved, That the Board will now proceed to declare its opinion which of the three places proposed, to wit; Lexington, Staunton, or the Central College, is most convenient and proper for the site of the University of Virginia, and on a call of the votes nominally, Mr. Breckenridge, Mr. Pendleton, and Mr. J. McTaylor, voted for Lexington; Mr. Stuart and Mr. Wilson for Staunton; and Mr. Creed Taylor, Mr. Randolph, Mr. Brockenbrough, Mr. Rutherford, Mr. Watkins, Mr. Madison, Mr. Mason, Mr. Holmes, Mr. Roane, Mr. Jackson, Mr. Slaughter, Mr. Cabell, Mr. Claiborne, Mr. Jefferson, Mr. Dade, and Mr. Jones voted for the Central College. So it was resolved that the Central College is a convenient and proper place for the site of the University of Virginia.

Resolved, That this declaration of the opinion of the Board be referred to the committee appointed on Saturday, with instructions that they include it with the other matters referred to them, and report thereon; and that they retire forthwith to prepare and make their report.

Whereupon the Committee withdrew, and after some time returned to their seats, and delivered in their report, which having been considered, and sundry amendments made thereto, was, upon the question put, passed by the unanimous vote of the Board.

Resolved, That the Secretary prepare without delay, two fair copies of the said report, to be signed each by every member present, and, to be forwarded by the President, one of them to the Speaker of the Senate, and the other to the Speaker of the House of Delegates.
And the Board adjourned to to-morrow morning, 9 o’clock.

TUESDAY, August 4th, 1818.

The Board met according to adjournment.

The Secretary according to order, produced two fair copies of the report of the Committee, as amended and agreed to by the Board, which were then signed by the attending members.

On motion of Mr. Roane, seconded by Mr. Breckenridge, Resolved unanimously, “That the thanks of this Board be given to Thomas Jefferson, Esq. for the great ability, impartiality, and dignity, with which he has presided over its deliberations.”

The question being then put, Resolved, That this Board is now dissolved.

(Signed)

TH: JEFFERSON.

Attest,

TH: W. MAURY, Secretary.

REPORT.

The Commissioners for the University of Virginia, having met, as by law required, at the Tavern in Rockfish Gap on the Blue Ridge, on the first day of August of this present year 1818, and having formed a board, proceeded on that day to the discharge of the duties assigned to them by the Act of the Legislature intituled an “Act appropriating part of the revenue of the Literary Fund, and for other purposes,” and having continued their proceedings by adjournment from day to day, to Tuesday the fourth day of August, have agreed to a report on the several matters with which they were
charged, which report they now respectfully address and submit to the Legislature of the State.

The first duty enjoined on them was to enquire and report a site in some convenient and proper part of the State, for an University, to be called the “University of Virginia.”

In this enquiry they supposed that the governing considerations should be the healthiness of the site, the fertility of the neighbouring country, and its centrality to the white population of the whole State: for, although the Act authorised and required them to receive any voluntary contributions, whether conditional or absolute, which might be offered through them to the President and Directors of the Literary Fund, for the benefit of the University, yet they did not consider this as establishing an auction, or as pledging the location to the highest bidder.

Three places were proposed; to wit, Lexington in the County of Rockbridge, Staunton in the County of Augusta, and the Central College, in the County of Albemarle: each of these was unexceptionable as to healthiness and fertility. It was the degree of centrality to the white population of the State which alone then constituted the important point of comparison between these places: and the Board, after full enquiry, and impartial and mature consideration, are of opinion that the central point of the white population of the State is nearer to the Central College, than to either Lexington, or Staunton, by great and important differences; and all other circumstances of the place in general being favorable to it as a position for an University, they do report the Central College in Albemarle, to be a convenient and proper part of the State, for the University of Virginia.
2. The Board having thus agreed on a proper site for the University to be reported to the Legislature, proceeded to the second of the duties assigned to them, that of proposing a plan for its buildings; and they are of opinion that it should consist of distinct houses or pavilions, arranged at proper distances on each side of a lawn of a proper breadth, and of indefinite extent in one direction at least, in each of which should be a lecturing room, with from two to four apartments for the accommodation of a Professor and his family; that these pavilions should be united by a range of Dormitories, sufficient each for the accommodation of two Students only, this provision being deemed advantageous to morals, to order, and to uninterrupted study; and that a passage of some kind under cover from the weather should give a communication along the whole range. It is supposed that such pavilions on an average of the larger and smaller, will cost each about 5,000 dollars, each dormitory about 350 dollars, and hotels of a single room for a refectory, and two rooms for the tenant necessary for dieting the Students will cost about 3,500 dollars each. The number of these pavilions will depend on the number of Professors, and that of the Dormitories and hotels on the number of Students to be lodged and dieted. The advantages of this place are, greater security against fire and infection; tranquility and comfort to the Professors, and their families thus insulated; retirement to the Students, and the admission of enlargement to any degree to which the institution may extend in future times. It is supposed probable that a building of somewhat more size in the middle of the grounds may be called for in time, in which may be rooms for religious worship under such impartial regulations as the visitors shall prescribe, for
public examinations, for a library, for the schools of music, drawing, and other associated purposes.

3.4. In proceeding to the third and fourth duties prescribed by the Legislature of reporting “the branches of learning, which should be taught in the University, and the number and description of the professorships they will require,” the Commissioners were first to consider at what point it was understood that University education should commence? Certainly not with the Alphabet, for reasons of expediency and impracticability, as well as from the obvious sense of the Legislature, who, in the same Act make other provision for the primary instruction of poor children, expecting doubtless that, in other cases, it would be provided by the parent, or become perhaps a subject of future, and further attention for the Legislature. The objects of this primary education determine its character and limits.—These objects would be,

To give to every citizen the information he needs for the transaction of his own business.

To enable him to calculate for himself, and to express and preserve his ideas, his contracts and accounts in writing.

To improve by reading, his morals and faculties.

To understand his duties to his neighbours, and country, and to discharge with competence the functions confided to him by either.

To know his rights; to exercise with order and justice those he retains; to choose with discretion the fiduciaries of those he delegates; and to notice their conduct with diligence, with candor and judgment.

And, in general, to observe with intelligence and faithfulness all the social relations under which he shall be placed.
To instruct the mass of our citizens in these their rights, interests and duties, as men and citizens, being then the objects of education in the primary schools, whether private or public, in them should be taught reading, writing and numerical arithmetic, the elements of mensuration (useful in so many callings,) and the outlines of geography and history; and this brings us to the point at which are to commence the higher branches of education, of which the Legislature require the development: those, for example, which are to form the Statesmen, Legislators and Judges, on whom public prosperity, and individual happiness are so much to depend:

To expound the principles and structure of government, the laws which regulate the intercourse of nations, those formed municipally for our own government, and a sound spirit of Legislation, which banishing all arbitrary and unnecessary restraint on individual action shall leave us free to do whatever does not violate the equal rights of another:

To harmonize and promote the interests of agriculture, manufactures and commerce, and by well informed views of political economy to give a free scope to the public industry:

To develope the reasoning faculties of our youth, enlarge their minds, cultivate their morals, and instil into them the precepts of virtue and order:

To enlighten them with mathematical and physical sciences, which advance the arts and administer to the health, the subsistence and comforts of human life:

And generally to form them to habits of reflection, and correct action, rendering them examples of virtue to others, and of happiness within themselves.
These are the objects of that higher grade of education, the benefits and blessings of which the Legislature now propose to provide for the good and ornament of their country, the gratification and happiness of their fellow citizens, of the parent especially and his progeny on which all his affections are concentrated.

In entering on this field, the Commissioners are aware that they have to encounter much difference of opinion as to the extent, which it is expedient that this institution should occupy. Some good men, and even of respectable information, consider the learned sciences as useless acquirements; some think that they do not better the condition of man; and others, that education, like private and individual concerns, should be left to private and individual effort; not reflecting that an establishment, embracing all the sciences which may be useful and even necessary in the various vocations of life, with the buildings and apparatus belonging to each, are far beyond the reach of individual means, and must either derive existence from public patronage or not exist at all. This would leave us then without those callings which depend on education, or send us to other countries, to seek the instruction they require. But the Commissioners are happy in considering the statute under which they are assembled as proof, that the Legislature is far from the abandonment of objects so interesting; they are sensible that the advantages of well directed education, moral, political and economical, are truly above all estimate. Education generates habits of application, of order and the love of virtue; and controlls, by the force of habit, any innate obliquities in our moral organization. We should be far too from the discouraging persuasion, that man is fixed, by
the law of his nature, at a given point; that his improvement is a chimaera, and the hope delusive of rendering ourselves wiser, happier or better than our forefathers were.—As well might it be urged, that the wild and uncultivated tree, hitherto yielding sour and bitter fruit only, can never be made to yield better: Yet we know that the grafting art implants a new tree on the savage stock, producing what is most estimable both in kind and degree. Education, in like manner, engrafts a new man on the native stock, and improves what in his nature was vicious and perverse, into qualities of virtue and social worth; and it cannot be, but that each generation, succeeding to the knowledge acquired by all those who preceded it, adding to it their own acquisitions and discoveries, and handing the mass down for successive and constant accumulation, must advance the knowledge and well-being of mankind, not indefinitely, as some have said, but indefinitely, and to a term which no one can fix or foresee. Indeed, we need look back only half a century, to times which many now living remember well, and see the wonderful advances in the sciences and arts which have been made within that period. Some of these have rendered the elements themselves subservient to the purposes of man, have harnessed them to the yoke of his labours, and effected the great blessings of moderating his own, of accomplishing what was beyond his feeble force, and of extending the comforts of life to a much enlarged circle, to those who had before known its necessaries only.—That these are not the vain dreams of sanguine hope, we have before our eyes real and living examples. What, but education, has advanced us beyond the condition of our indigenous neighbours? and what chains them
to their present state of barbarism and wretchedness, but a bigotted veneration for the supposed superlative wisdom of their fathers, and the perposterous idea that they are to look backward for better things and not forward, longing, as it should seem, to return to the days of eating acorns and roots, rather than indulge in the degeneracies of civilization? And how much more encouraging to the achievements of science and improvement, is this, than the desponding view that the condition of man cannot be ameliorated, that what has been, must ever be, and that to secure ourselves where we are, we must tread, with awful reverence, in the footsteps of our fathers. This doctrine is the genuine fruit of the alliance between church and state, the tenants of which, finding themselves but too well in their present position, oppose all advances which might unmask their usurpations, and monopolies of honours, wealth and power, and fear every change, as endangering the comforts they now hold. Nor must we omit to mention, among the benefits of education, the incalculable advantage of training up able counsellors to administer the affairs of our country in all its departments, Legislative, Executive and Judiciary, and to bear their proper share in the councils of our National Government; nothing more than education, advancing the prosperity, the power and the happiness of a nation.

Encouraged therefore by the sentiments of the Legislature, manifested in this statute, we present the following tabular statement of the branches of learning which we think should be taught in the University, forming them into groupes, each of which are within the powers of a single professor:
I. Languages Ancient,
   Latin,
   Greek,
   Hebrew.

II. Languages Modern.
   French,
   Spanish,
   Italian,
   German,
   Anglo-Saxon.

III. Mathematics Pure.
   Algebra,
   Fluxions,
   Geometry, Elementary,
   " Transcendental,
   Architecture, Military.
   " Naval.

IV. Physico-Mathematics.
   Mechanics,
   Statics,
   Dynamics,
   Pneumatics,
   Acoustics,
   Optics,
   Astronomy,
   Geography.

V. Physics or Natural Philosophy.
   Chemistry.
   Mineralogy.

VI. Botany,
    Zoology.

VII. Anatomy,
     Medicine.
VIII.

Government,
Political Economy,
Law of Nature and Nations,
History, (being interwoven
with Politics and Law.)

IX.

Law Municipal.

X.

Ideology,
General Grammar,
Ethics,
Rhetoric,
Belles Lettres and the
Fine Arts.

Some of the terms used in this table, being subject to a difference of acceptation, it is proper to define the meaning and comprehension intended to be given them here:

Geometry Elementary, is that of straight lines and of the circle.

Transcendental, is that of all other curves; it includes of course *Projectiles*, a leading branch of the military art.

Military Architecture, includes fortification, another branch of that art.

Statics, respect matter generally, in a state of rest, and include Hydrostatics, or the laws of fluids particularly, at rest or in equilibrio.

Dynamics, used as a general term, include Dynamics Proper, or the laws of solids in motion, and Hydrodynamics, or Hydraulics, those of fluids in motion.

Pneumatics, teach the theory of air, its weight, motion, condensation, rarefaction, &c.
Acoustics, or Phonics, the theory of sound.
Optics, the laws of light and vision.
Physics, or Physiology, in a general sense, mean the doctrine of the physical objects of our senses.
Chemistry, is meant, with its other usual branches, to comprehend the theory of agriculture.
Mineralogy, in addition to its peculiar subjects, is here understood to embrace what is real in Geology.
Ideology, is the doctrine of thought.
General Grammar, explains the construction of language.

Some articles in this distribution of sciences will need observation.

A Professor is proposed for ancient languages, the Latin, Greek and Hebrew particularly, but these languages being the foundation common to all the sciences, it is difficult to foresee what may be the extent of this school—at the same time no greater obstruction to industrious study could be proposed than the presence, the intrusions, and the noisy turbulence of a multitude of small boys; and if they are to be placed here for the rudiments of the languages, they may be so numerous, that its character and value as an University, will be merged in those of a grammar school. It is therefore greatly to be wished, that preliminary schools, either on private or public establishment, could be distributed in districts through the State, as preparatory to the entrance of students into the University. The tender age at which this part of education commences, generally about the tenth year, would weigh heavily with parents in sending their sons to a school so distant as the central establishment would be from most of them. Districts of such extent as that every parent should be within a day’s journey of his son
at school, would be desirable in cases of sickness, and
convenient for supplying their ordinary wants, and
might be made to lessen sensibly the expense of this
part of their education. And where a sparse population
would not, within such a compass, furnish subjects
sufficient to maintain a school, a competent enlarge-
ment of district must, of necessity, there be submitted
to. At these district schools or colleges, boys should be
rendered able to read the easier authors, Latin and
Greek. This would be useful and sufficient for many
not intended for an university education. At these too
might be taught English grammar, the higher branches
of numerical arithmetic, the geometry of straight lines
and of the circle, the elements of navigation, and geog-
raphy to a sufficient degree, and thus afford to greater
numbers the means of being qualified for the various
vocations of life, needing more instruction than merely
menial or praedial labor; and the same advantages to
youths whose education may have been neglected until
too late to lay a foundation in the learned languages.
These institutions, intermediate between the Primary
Schools and University, might then be the passage of
entrance for youths into the University, where their
classical learning might be critically compleated, by a
study of the authors of highest degree. And it is at this
stage only that they should be received at the Univer-
sity.—Giving then a portion of their time to a finished
knowledge of the Latin and Greek, the rest might be
appropriated to the modern languages, or to the com-
 mencement of the course of science, for which they
should be destined. This would generally be about the
15th year of their age, when they might go with more
safety and contentment to that distance from their par-
ents. Until this preparatory provision shall be made, ei-
ther the University will be overwhelmed with the grammar school, or a separate establishment under one or more Ushers for its lower classes, will be advisable, at a mile or two distance from the general one; where too may be exercised the stricter government necessary for young boys, but unsuitable for youths arrived at years of discretion.

The considerations which have governed the specification of languages to be taught by the Professor of modern languages, were, that the French is the language of general intercourse among nations, and as a depository of human science, is unsurpassed by any other language, living or dead: that the Spanish is highly interesting to us, as the language spoken by so great a portion of the inhabitants of our continents, with whom we shall probably have great intercourse ere long; and is that also in which is written the greater part of the early history of America: The Italian abounds with works of very superior order, valuable for their matter, and still more distinguished as models of the finest taste in style and composition: and the German now stands in a line with that of the most learned nations in richness of erudition, and advance in the sciences. It is too of common descent with the language of our own country, a branch of the same original Gothic stock, and furnishes valuable illustrations for us. But in this point of view, the Anglo-Saxon is of peculiar value. We have placed it among the modern languages, because it is in fact that which we speak, in the earliest form in which we have knowledge of it. It has been undergoing, with time, those gradual changes which all languages, ancient and modern, have experienced; and even now, needs only to be printed in the modern character and orthography, to be intelligible, in a consider-
able degree, to an English reader. It has this value too above the Greek and Latin, that while it gives the radix of the mass of our language, they explain its innovations only. Obvious proofs of this have been presented to the modern reader, in the disquisitions of Horne Tooke; and Fortescue Aland has well explained the great instruction which may be derived from it towards a full understanding of our ancient common law, on which as a stock, our whole system of law is engrafted. It will form the first link in the chain of an historical review of our language through all its successive changes to the present day; will constitute the foundation of that critical instruction in it, which ought to be found in a Seminary of general learning; and thus reward amply the few weeks of attention which would alone be requisite for its attainment. A language already fraught with all the eminent science of our parent country, the future vehicle of whatever we may ourselves achieve, and destined to occupy so much space on the globe, claims distinguished attention in American education.

Medicine, where fully taught, is usually subdivided into several professorships; but this cannot well be without the accessory of an hospital, where the Student can have the benefit of attending clinical lectures, and of assisting at operations of surgery. With this accessory, the seat of our University is not yet prepared, either by its population, or by the numbers of poor, who would leave their own houses, and accept of the charities of an hospital. For the present therefore, we propose but a single Professor for both Medicine and Anatomy. By him the elements of medical science may be taught, with a history and explanations of all its successive theories from Hippocrates to the present day: and anat-
omy may be fully treated. Vegetable pharmacy will make a part of the botanical course, and mineral and chemical pharmacy, of those of mineralogy and chemistry. This degree of medical information is such as the mass of scientific Students would wish to possess, as enabling them, in their course through life, to estimate with satisfaction the extent and limits of the aid to human life and health, which they may understandingly expect from that art, and it constitutes such a foundation for those intended for the profession, that the finishing course of practice at the bed-sides of the sick, and at the operations of surgery in a hospital, can neither be long nor expensive. To seek this finishing elsewhere, must therefore be submitted to for a while.

In conformity with the principles of our constitution, which places all sects of religion on an equal footing, with the jealousies of the different sects in guarding that equality from encroachment and surprise, and with the sentiments of the Legislature in favor of freedom of religion manifested on former occasions, we have proposed no Professor of Divinity; and the rather, as the proofs of the being of a God, the creator, preserver, and supreme ruler of the universe, the author of all the relations of morality, and of the laws and obligations these infer, will be within the province of the professor of ethics, to which adding the developments of these moral obligations, of those in which all sects agree, with a knowledge of the languages. Hebrew, Greek and Latin, a basis will be formed common to all sects. Proceeding thus far without offence to the constitution, we have thought it proper at this point, to leave every sect to provide as they think fittest, the means of further instruction in their own peculiar tenets.

We are further of opinion that, after declaring by
law that certain sciences shall be taught in the University, fixing the number of professors they require, which we think should at present be ten, limiting (except as to the Professors who shall be first engaged in each branch,) a maximum for their salaries, (which should be a certain but moderate subsistence, to be made up by liberal tuition fees, as an excitement to assiduity,) it will be best to leave to the discretion of the visitors, the grouping of these sciences together, according to the accidental qualifications of the Professors, and the introduction also of other branches of science, when enabled by private donations or by public provision, and called for by the increase of population, or other change of circumstances; to establish beginnings, in short, to be developed by time, as those who come after us shall find expedient. They will be more advanced than we are, in science and in useful arts, and will know best what will suit the circumstances of their day.

We have proposed no formal provision for the gymnastics of the school, although a proper object of attention for every institution of youth. These exercises with ancient nations, constituted the principal part of the education of their youth. Their arms and mode of warfare rendered them severe in the extreme. Ours, on the same correct principle, should be adapted to our arms and warfare; and the manual exercise, military manoeuvres, and tactics generally, should be the frequent exercises of the students, in their hours of recreation. It is at that age of aptness, docility and emulation of the practices of manhood, that such things are soonest learnt, and longest remembered. The use of tools too, in the manual arts, is worthy of encouragement, by facilitating to such as choose it, an admission into the
neighbouring work-shops.—To these should be added the arts which embellish life, dancing, musick, and drawing; the last more especially, as an important part of military education. These innocent arts furnish amusement and happiness to those who, having time on their hands, might less inoffensively employ it;—needing at the same time, no regular incorporation with the institution, they may be left to accessory teachers, who will be paid by the individuals employing them; the University only providing proper apartments for their exercise.

The 5th duty prescribed to the commissioners is, to propose such general provisions as may be properly enacted by the Legislature, for the better organizing and governing the University.

In the education of youth, provision is to be made for: 1, tuition—2, diet—3, lodging—4, government and 5, honorary excitements. The 1st of these constitutes the proper functions of the professors. 2. The dieting of the students should be left to private boardinghouses of their own choice, and at their own expense; to be regulated by the Visitors from time to time, the house only being provided by the University within its own precincts, and thereby of course, subjected to the general regimen, moral or sumptuary, which they shall prescribe. 3. They should be lodged in dormitories, making a part of the general system of buildings. 4. The best mode of government for youth, in large collections, is certainly a desideratum not yet attained with us. It may well be questioned whether fear, after a certain age, is the motive to which we should have ordinary recourse. The human character is susceptible of other incitements to correct conduct, more worthy of employ, and of better effect. Pride of
character, laudable ambition and moral dispositions are innate correctives of the indiscretions of that lively age; and when strengthened by habitual appeal and exercise, have a happier effect on future character, than the degrading motive of fear. Hardening them to disgrace, to corporal punishments, and servile humiliations, cannot be the best process for producing erect character. The affectionate deportment between father and son, offers, in truth, the best example for that of tutor and pupil; and the experience and practice of other countries in this respect, may be worthy of enquiry and consideration with us. It will be then for the wisdom and discretion of the Visitors to devise and perfect a proper system of government, which, if it be founded in reason and comity, will be more likely to nourish, in the minds of our youth, the combined spirit of order and self respect, so congenial with our political institutions, and so important to be woven into the American character. 5. What qualifications shall be required to entitle to entrance into the University? the arrangement of the days and hours of lecturing for the different schools, so as to facilitate to the students the circle of attendance on them; the establishment of periodical and public examinations; the premiums to be given for distinguished merit; whether honorary degrees shall be conferred? and by what appellations? whether the title to these shall depend on the time the candidate has been at the University, or, where nature has given a greater share of understanding, attention and application, whether he shall not be allowed the advantages resulting from these endowments; with

*A police exercised by the students themselves, under proper direction, has been tried with success in some countries, and the rather as forming them for initiation into the duties and practices of civil life.
other minor items of government, we are of opinion, should be entrusted to the Visitors; and the statute under which we act, having provided for the appointment of these, we think they should moreover be charged with

The erection, preservation and repair of the buildings, the care of the grounds and appurtenances, and of the interests of the University generally;

That they should have power to appoint a Bursar, employ a Proctor, and all other necessary agents;

To appoint and remove professors, two-thirds of the whole number of Visitors voting for the removal;

To prescribe their duties and the course of education, in conformity with the law;

To establish rules for the government and discipline of the students, not contrary to the laws of the land;

To regulate the tuition fees and the rent of the dormitories they occupy;

To prescribe and control the duties and proceedings of all officers, servants, and others, with respect to the buildings, lands, appurtenances, and other property and interests of the University;

To draw from the Literary Fund such monies as are by law charged on it for this institution;

And in general to direct and do all matters and things which, not being inconsistent with the laws of the land, to them shall seem most expedient for promoting the purposes of the said institution; which several functions they should be free to exercise in the form of bye-laws, rules, resolutions, orders, instructions, or otherwise, as they should deem proper:

That they should have two Stated Meetings in the year, and occasional meetings at such times as they should appoint, or on a special call with such notice
as themselves shall prescribe by a general rule; which meeting should be at the University; a majority of them constituting a quorum for business; and that on the death or resignation of a member, or on his removal by the President and Directors of the Literary Fund, or the Executive, or such other authority as the Legislature shall think best, such President and Directors, or the Executive, or other authority, should appoint a successor:

That the said Visitors should appoint one of their own body to be Rector, and with him be a body corporate, under the style and title of the Rector and Visitors of the University of Virginia, with the right as such, to use a common seal; that they should have capacity to plead and be impleaded, in all courts of justice, and in all cases interesting to the University, which may be the subjects of legal cognizance and jurisdiction; which pleas should not abate by the determination of their office, but should stand revived in the name of their successors; and they should be capable in law, and in trust for the University, of receiving subscriptions and donations, real and personal, as well from bodies corporate, or persons associated, as from private individuals:

And that the said Rector and Visitors should at all times conform to such laws, as the Legislature may from time to time think proper to enact for their government; and the said University should in all things, and at all times be subject to the control of the Legislature.

And lastly, the Commissioners report to the Legislature the following conditional offers to the President and Directors of the Literary Fund, for the benefit of the University:
On the condition that Lexington, or its vicinity shall be selected as the site of the University, and that the same be permanently established there within two years from the date, John Robinson, of Rockbridge County, has executed a deed to the President and Directors of the Literary Fund, to take effect at his death, for the following tracts of land, to wit:

400 acres on the north fork of James River, known by the name of Hart’s bottom, purchased of the late general Bowyer.

171 acres adjoining the same, purchased of James Griggsby.

203 acres joining the last mentioned tract, purchased of William Paxton.

112 acres lying on the North River, above the lands of Arthur Glasgow, conveyed to him by William Paxton’s heirs.

500 acres joining the lands of Arthur Glasgow, Benjamin Cambden, and David Edmondson.

545 acres lying in Pryor’s Gap, conveyed to him by the heirs of William Paxton, deceased.

260 acres lying in Childers’ Gap, purchased of William Mitchell.

300 acres lying also in Childers’ Gap, purchased of Nicholas Jones.

500 acres lying on Buffalo, joining the lands of James Johnston.

340 acres on the Cow-pasture River, conveyed to him by general James Breckenridge, reserving the right of selling the two last mentioned tracts, and converting them into other lands contiguous to Hart’s bottom, for the benefit of the University: Also the whole of his slaves, amounting to 57 in number: one lot of twenty-
two acres, joining the town of Lexington, to pass immediately, on the establishment of the University, together with all the personal estate of every kind; subject only to the payment of his debts, and fulfilment of his contracts.

It has not escaped the attention of the Commissioners, that the deed referred to is insufficient to pass the estate in the lands intended to be conveyed, and may be otherwise defective; but if necessary, this defect may be remedied before the meeting of the Legislature, which the Commissioners are advised will be done.

The Board of Trustees of Washington College, have also proposed to transfer the whole of their funds, viz. 100 shares in the funds of the James River Company. 31 acres of land on which all their buildings stand. Their philosophical apparatus; their expected interest in the funds of the Cincinnati society; the Libraries of the Graham and Washington societies; and 3000 dollars in cash; on condition that a reasonable provision be made for the present Professors.

A subscription has also been offered by the people of Lexington and its vicinity, amounting to 17,878 dollars; all which will appear from the deed and other documents, reference thereto being had.

In this case also, it has not escaped the attention of the Commissioners, that questions may arise as to the power of the Trustees to make the above transfers.

On the condition that the Central College shall be made the site of the University, its whole property, real and personal, in possession, or in action, is offered. This consists of a parcel of land of 47 acres, whereon the buildings of the College are begun, one pavilion and its appendix of dormitories, being already far advanced, and with one other pavilion, and equal annex-
ation of dormitories, being expected to be completed during the present season. Of another parcel of 153 acres, near the former, and including a considerable eminence very favorable for the erection of a future observatory. Of the proceeds of the sale of two glebes, amounting to 3,280 dollars 86 cents; and of a subscription of 41,248 dollars, on papers in hand, besides what is on outstanding papers, of unknown amount, not yet returned. Out of these sums are to be taken, however, the cost of the lands, of the buildings, and other works done, and for existing contracts.

For the conditional transfer of these to the President and Directors of the Literary Fund, a regular power signed by the subscribers and founders of the College generally; has been given to its Visitors and Proctor, and a deed conveying the said property accordingly, to the President and Directors of the Literary Fund, has been duly executed by the said Proctor, and acknowledged for record in the office of the Clerk of the County Court of Albemarle.

Signed and certified by the members present, each in his proper hand-writing, this 4th day of August, 1818.

To all persons to whom these presents shall come, Nelson Barksdale, of the County of Albemarle, Proctor of the Central College within the same County; Greeting;

By virtue of the powers granted to me by certain homologous instruments of writing, signed and executed by the sundry subscribers, contributors and founders of the said College, which several instruments are all of the same tenor, and expressed in these words following, to wit: “Whereas by an Act of the General Assembly for appropriating a part of the revenue of the Literary Fund to the endowment of an University, and for the appointment of commissioners to enquire and report to the Legislature a proper site for the same, ‘The said Commissioners are authorized to receive any voluntary contributions, whether conditional or absolute, whether in land, money or other property, which may be offered through them, to the President and Directors of the Literary Fund, for the benefit of the University.’ “Be it therefore known, that we the subscribers, contributors and founders of the establishment, of the Central College, near Charlottesville, do hereby authorize and empower the Visitors of the said College, or a majority of them, or the Proctor thereof, to offer through the said Commissioners to the President and Directors of the Literary Fund the said Central College with all the lands, monies, credits and other property thereunto belonging, and of the same to make an absolute conveyance, on condition that the lands of the said College be ultimately adopted by the Legislature as the site of the said University: in witness whereof we have hereunto subscribed our names,” (as by the said several instruments with the names duly subscribed in the proper hand writing of each subscriber, will more certainly appear; Know ye, that I, the said Nelson Barks-
dale, Proctor of the said College, by this my deed, indented, sealed and delivered, in consideration of the sum of one dollar to me in hand paid for the use of the said College, and of the condition precedent herein after stated, do give, grant, bargain and sell, offer and convey to the said President and Directors of the Literary Fund, for the benefit of the said University of Virginia now proposed to be established, all the lands, monies, credits and other property of whatever form, nature or value, to the said Central College belonging, wheresoever the same may be, or in whatsoever hands. To have and to hold the same to the said President and Directors of the said Literary Fund, and their successors, to and for the sole use and benefit of the said University of Virginia: On the condition precedent, that the lands of the said College in the said County of Albemarle be ultimately adopted by the Legislature of this Commonwealth, or by those whom they shall authorize thereto, as the site of the said University of Virginia: which condition being previously fulfilled, this deed is to be in full force, but otherwise to become void and of no effect. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 27th day of July 1818.

NELSON BARKSDALE,
(SEAL.)
Proctor to the C. College.

Signed, sealed and delivered
in presence of
FRANK CARR,
JAMES LEITCH,
JAMES BROWN.

In the office of the County Court of Albemarle, the 27th day of July 1818.

This Indenture was produced to me in my office the date above, and acknowledged by Nelson Barksdale,
Proctor to the Central College, party thereto, to be his hand and seal, act and deed, and admitted to record according to law.

Teste

alex. garrett, C. C.

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alex. garrett, C. C.

Whereas, by an act of the General Assembly for appropriating a part of the revenue of the Literary Fund to the endowment of an University and for the appointment of Commissioners to enquire and report to the Legislature, a proper site for the same, the said Commissioners are authorised “to receive any voluntary contributions whether conditional or absolute, whether in land, money, or other property, which may be offered, through them, to the President, and Directors of the Literary Fund, for the benefit of the University:” Be it therefore known, that we, the subscribers, contributors and founders of the establishment of the Central College, near Charlottesville, do hereby authorise and empower the Visitors of the said College, or a majority of them, or the proctor thereof, to offer, through the said Commissioners, to the President and Directors of the Literary Fund, the said Central College, with all the lands, moneys, credits and other property thereto belonging, and of the same to make an absolute conveyance: On condition, that the lands of the said College be ultimately adopted by the Legislature as the site of the said University. In Witness whereof, we have hereto subscribed our names.

William Mitchell,       H. Harrison,
Joel Yancey,           Richard Pollard,
Chas. Johnston,        Robert Morriss,
Thomas Wells,  
William Garth,  
Moses Peregoy,  
John Fretwell,  
James Madison,  
J. H. Cocke,  
Joseph C. Cabell,  
Zachariah Nevill,  
Henry Dawson,  
Ro. Rives,  
W. C. Rives,  
John P. Cobbs,  
Landon Cabell,  
Thomas J. McCleland,  
William Cabell,  
George Callaway,  
John H. Craven,  
Frank Carr,  
John Minor,  
William Brown,  
James Clark,  
James H. Terrell,  
Ira Harris,  
Nelson Barksdale,  
Garland Garth,  
Thomas J. Randolph,  
William Woods,  
John M. Perry,  
George M. Woods,  
Daniel F. Carr,  
Alexander Garrett,  
William Leitch,  
James Dinsmore,  
James Leitch,  

J. W. Garth,  
V. W. Southall,  
George W. Kinsolving,  
William Watson,  
John C. Ragland,  
Samuel Leitch,  
O. Norris,  
P. Minor,  
Thomas Jefferson,  
Jeremiah A. Goodman,  
Arthur Whitehurst,  
John Walker,  
Jesse Garth,  
J. Pollock,  
John Fagg,  
C. Wirtenbaker,  
William H. Meriwether,  
Allen Dawson,  
Hugh Chisholm,  
Saml. Carr,  
N. H. Lewis,  
David Isaacs,  
Lewis Tul,  
Peter Porter,  
N. Bramham,  
Samuel L. Hart,  
John Winn,  
Ira Garrett,  
John Jones,  
Fras. B. Dyer,  
John Watson, L. M.  
John Slaughter,  
Jo. Bishop,  
J. Goss,
Jas. Minor, Richard Woods,
Ben. Hardin, John Dunkum,
William Dunkum, Daniel M. Raily,
Jas. O. Carr, Thomas Wood,
Drury Wood, John F. Carr,
Dixon Dedman, Henry Chiles,
Clif. Harris, Achilles Broadhead,
Charles Brown, Micajah Woods,
Reuben Maury, Tucker Coles,
Mann Page, Samuel Dyer, Sen.
J. H. Marks, Thomas Eston
Francis McGehee, Randolph,
I. A. Coles, Joseph Coffman,
John Coles, John Hudson,
James Lindsay, Elijah Brown,
Martin Thacker, James Wood,
Christopher Hudson, Thomas W. Maury,
John Harris, Zachariah Shackleford,
CHAPTER XIX.—An act for establishing an University Passed January 25th, 1819

1. Be it declared by the General Assembly of Virginia, That the conveyance of the lands and other property appertaining to the Central College in the county of Albemarle, which has been executed by the proctor thereof, under authority of the subscribers and founders, to the President and Directors of the Literary Fund, is hereby accepted, for the use, and on the conditions in the said deed of conveyance expressed.

2. And be it enacted, That there shall be established, on the site provided for the said college, an university, to be called, “The University of Virginia;” that it shall be under the government of seven visitors to be appointed forthwith by the Governor, with the advice of Council, notifying thereof the persons so appointed, and prescribing to them a day for their first meeting at the said University, with supplementary instructions for procuring a meeting subsequently, in the event of failure at the time first appointed.

3. The said visitors, or so many of them as, being a majority, shall attend, shall appoint a rector, of their own body, to preside at their meetings, and a secretary to record, attest, and preserve their proceedings, and shall proceed to examine into the state of the property conveyed as aforesaid; shall make an inventory of the same, specifying the items whereof it consists; shall no-
tice the buildings and other improvements already made, and those which are in progress; shall take measures for their completion, and for the addition of such others, from time to time, as may be necessary.

4. In the said university shall be taught the Latin, Greek and Hebrew languages, French, Spanish, Italian, German and Anglo-Saxon, the different branches of mathematics, pure and physical—natural philosophy, the principles of agriculture, chemistry, mineralogy, including geology, botany, zoology, anatomy, medicine, civil government, political economy, the law of nature and nations, municipal law, history, ideology, general grammar, ethics, rhetorick, and belles lettres; which branches of science shall be so distributed, and under so many professors, not exceeding ten, as the visitors shall think proper and expedient.

5. Each professor shall be allowed the use of the apartments and accommodations provided for him, and those first employed such standing salary as the visitors shall think proper and sufficient, and their successors such standing salary, not exceeding one thousand dollars, as the visitors shall think proper and sufficient, with such tuition fees from each student, as the visitors shall from time to time establish.

6. The said visitors shall be charged with the erection, preservation and repair of the buildings, the care of the grounds and appurtenances, and of the interests of the University generally: they shall have power to appoint a Bursar, employ a Proctor, and all other necessary Agents, to appoint and remove Professors, two thirds of the whole number of visitors voting for the removal; to prescribe their duties, and the course of education, in conformity with the law; to establish rules for the government and discipline of the students, not
contrary to the laws of the land; to regulate the tuition fees, and the rent of the dormitories occupied; to prescribe and control the duties and proceedings of all officers, servants and others, with respect to the buildings, lands, appurtenances and other property, and interests of the university; to draw from the Literary Fund such monies as are by law charged on it for this institution; and, in general, to direct and do all matters and things which, not being inconsistent with the laws of the land, to them shall seem most expedient, for promoting the purposes of the said institution; which several functions they shall be free to exercise in the form of by-laws, rules, resolutions, orders, instructions, or otherwise, as they shall deem proper.

7. They shall have two stated meetings in every year, to wit: on the first Mondays of April and October; and occasional meetings at such other times as they shall appoint, or on a special call, with such notice as themselves shall prescribe by a general rule; which meetings shall be at the university; a majority of them constituting a quorum for business, and on the death, resignation of a member, or failure to act for the space of one year, or on his removal out of the Commonwealth, or by the Governor, with the advice of Council, the Governor with like advice shall appoint a successor.

8. The said rector and visitors shall be a body corporate, under the style and title of The Rector and Visitors of the University of Virginia, with the right, as such, to use a common seal; they shall have capacity to plead and be impleaded in all courts of justice, and in all cases interesting to the university, which may be subjects of legal cognizance and jurisdiction; which pleas shall not abate by the determination of their office, but shall stand revived in the name of their suc-
cessors; and they shall be capable in law, and in trust for the university, of receiving subscriptions and donations real and personal, as well from bodies corporate, or persons associated, as from private individuals.

9. And the said rectors and visitors shall, at all times, conform to such laws as the Legislature may, from time to time, think proper to enact for their government; and the said university shall, in all things, and at all times, be subject to the control of the Legislature. And the said rector and visitors of the University of Virginia shall be, and they are hereby required to make report, annually, to the President and Directors of the Literary Fund, (to be laid before the Legislature at their next succeeding session,) embracing a full account of the disbursements, the funds on hand, and a general statement of the condition of the said university.

10. The said board of visitors, or a majority thereof, by nomination of the board, shall, once in every year at least, visit the said university; enquire into the proceedings and practices thereat; examine the progress of the students, and give to those who excell in any branch of science, there taught, such honorary marks and testimonies of approbation as may encourage and excite to industry and emulation.

11. On every twenty-ninth of February, or, if that be Sunday, then on the next, or earliest, day thereafter, on which a meeting can be effected, the Governor and Council shall be in session, and shall appoint visitors of the said university, either the same or others, at their discretion, to serve until the twenty-ninth day of February next ensuing, duly and timely notifying to them their appointment, and prescribing a day for their first meeting at the university; after which, their meetings, stated and occasional, shall be as herein-before pro-
vided: *Provided*, that noth-ing in this act contained shall suspend the proceedings of the visitors of the said central college of Albemarle; but for the purpose of expediting the objects of the said institution, they shall be authorized, under the control of the Governor and Council, to continue the exercise of their functions, and fulfil those of their suc-cessors, until the first actual meeting of their said successors.

12. *And be it further enacted*, That the additional sum of twenty thousand dollars shall be, and the same is hereby appropriated to the education of the poor, out of the revenue of the Literary Fund, in aid of the sum heretofore appropriated to that object, and to be paid in the same manner, and upon the same conditions in all respects, as is prescribed by the fourth section of the act, entitled, “an act appropriating part of the revenue of the Literary Fund, and for other purposes,” passed the twenty-first day of February, eighteen hundred and eighteen.

13. This act shall commence and be in force from and after the passing thereof. [This section was re-pealed on 3 March of the same year.]

22. This act shall commence and be in force from after the first day of January eighteen hundred and twenty; except so much thereof as repeals the addi-tional appropriation of twenty thousand dollars, annu-
ally, out of the revenue of the literary fund; and so much of this act as repeals the said appropriation shall commence and be in force from and after the passing thereof.
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Dr. Charles M. Caravati Jr. of Richmond 1994–
Elsie Goodwyn Holland of Richmond 1994–
John P. Ackerly III of Richmond 1995–
T. Keister Greer of Rocky Mount 1995–
Elizabeth A. Twohy of Virginia Beach 1995–
Champ Clark of Ruckersville 1996–
William H. Goodwin Jr. of Richmond 1996–
Henry L. Valentine II of Richmond 1996–
William G. Crutchfield Jr. of Charlottesville 1997–
Terence P. Ross of Alexandria 1997–
James C. Wheat III of Richmond 1997–
Timothy B. Robertson of Virginia Beach 1998–
Benjamin P. A. Warthen of Richmond 1998–
Joseph E. Wolfe of Wise 1998–


Angela L. Cleveland of Annandale 1986–1987
Jerry V. Glover of Charlottesville 1987–1988
Glynn D. Key of Chattanooga, Tenn. 1988–1989
Christina A. Howe of Charlottesville 1993–1994
Allison S. Linney of Maitland, Fla. 1994–1995
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SECTION 23-69. BOARD A CORPORATION.—The board of visitors of the University of Virginia shall be and remain a corporation, under the style of “the Rector and Visitors of the University of Virginia,” and shall have, in addition to its other powers, all the corporate powers given to corporations by the provisions of Title 13.1, except in those cases where, by the express terms of the provisions thereof, it is confined to corporations created under such title; and shall also have the power to accept, execute and administer any trust in which it may have an interest under the terms of the instrument creating the trust. The rector and visitors of the University of Virginia shall be at all times subject to the control of the General Assembly.

SECTION 23-70. APPOINTMENT OF VISITORS GENERALLY; NUMBER AND TERMS OF OFFICE.—(a) The board of visitors is to consist of sixteen visitors appointed by the
Governor, of whom at least thirteen shall be appointed from the Commonwealth at large and not more than three shall be appointed from the nonresident alumni of the University of Virginia.

(b) Of the seven members to be appointed in 1990 to fill expired terms, one member shall serve for a term of one year, two members shall serve for terms of three years, and four members shall serve for terms of four years. In 1992, the Governor shall fill expired terms by appointing two members for terms of one year and four members for terms of four years. All other appointments of members shall be for terms of four years, except that appointments to fill vacancies shall be made for the unexpired terms. Members shall complete their service on March 1 of the year in which their respective terms expire. All appointments for full terms, as well as to fill vacancies, shall be made by the Governor subject to confirmation by the Senate and the House of Delegates.

SECTION 23-71. APPOINTMENT OF VISITORS FROM NOMINEES OF ALUMNI ASSOCIATION.—(a) The Governor may appoint visitors from a list of qualified persons submitted to him, before or after induction into office, by the alumni association of the University of Virginia, on or before the first day of December of any year next preceding a year in which the terms of any visitors will expire.

(b) Whenever a vacancy occurs otherwise than by expiration of term, the Governor shall certify this fact to the association and nominations may be submitted of qualified persons and the Governor may fill the vacancy, if his discretion so dictates, from among the eligible nominees of the association, whether or not alumni or alumnae.
(c) Every list shall contain at least three names for each vacancy to be filled.

(d) The Governor is not to be limited in his appointments to the persons so nominated.

(e) At no time shall less than eleven of the visitors be alumni or alumnae of the University.

SECTION 23-72. ELIGIBILITY TO SERVE MORE THAN TWO SUCCESSIVE TERMS.—No person shall be eligible to serve for or during more than two successive four-year terms; but after the expiration of a term of two years or less, or after the expiration of the remainder of a term to which appointed to fill a vacancy, two additional four-year terms may be served by such a member if appointed thereto.

SECTION 23-73. WHEN OFFICE OF VISITOR DEEMED VACANT.—If any visitor fail to perform the duties of his office for one year, without sufficient cause shown to the board, the board of visitors shall, at their next meeting after the end of such year, cause the fact of such failure to be recorded in the minutes of their proceedings, and certify the same to the Governor; and the office of such visitor shall be thereupon vacant. If so many of such visitors fail to perform their duties that a quorum thereof do not attend for a year, upon a certificate thereof being made to the Governor by the rector or any member of the board, or by the president of the University, the offices of all visitors so failing to attend shall be vacant.

SECTION 23-74. MEETINGS OF BOARD OF VISITORS; QUORUM; RECTOR; SECRETARY.—The board of visitors shall meet at the University once a year, and at such other
times as they shall determine, the days of meeting to be fixed by them. Five members shall constitute a quorum. At the first meeting after the twenty-eighth day of February, in the year 1950, and every fourth year thereafter, they shall appoint from their own body a rector, who shall preside at their meetings. At the same time they shall appoint a secretary to the board. In the absence of the rector or secretary at any meeting, the board may appoint a president or secretary pro tempore, and vacancies in the office of rector or secretary may be filled by the board for the unexpired term. Special meetings of the board may be called by the rector or any three members. In either of such cases, notice of the time of meeting shall be given by the secretary to every member.

SECTION 23-75. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF BOARD.—At every regular annual meeting of the board they shall appoint an executive committee for the transaction of business in the recess of the board, not less than three nor more than five members, to serve for the period of one year or until the next regular annual meeting.

SECTION 23-76. POWERS AND DUTIES OF BOARD; PRESIDENT AND OTHER OFFICERS; PROFESSORS AND INSTRUCTION; REGULATIONS.—The board shall be charged with the care and preservation of all property belonging to the University. They shall appoint a president, with such duties as may be prescribed by the board, and who shall have supreme administrative direction under the authority of the board over all the schools, colleges and branches of the University wherever located, and they shall appoint as many professors as they deem proper, and, with the assent of two-thirds of the whole number
of visitors, may remove such president or any professor. They may prescribe the duties of each professor, and the course and mode of instruction. They may appoint a comptroller and proctor, and employ any other agent or servants, regulate the government and discipline of the students, and the renting of the rooms and dormitories, and, generally, in respect to the government and management of the University, make such regulations as they may deem expedient, not being contrary to law.

To enable the proctor and visitors of the University to procure a supply of water, and to construct and maintain a system of waterworks, drainage, and sewerage for the University they shall have power and author-ity to acquire such springs, lands and rights-of-way as may be necessary, according to the provisions of Title 25.

SECTION 23-77.1. AUTHORITY TO SELL AND CONVEY CERTAIN LANDS.—The rector and visitors of the University of Virginia, with the approval of the Governor first ob-tained, are hereby authorized to sell and convey any and all real estate to which it has acquired title by gift, devise or purchase since January first, 1900, or which may hereafter be conveyed or devised to it. The pro-ceeds derived from any such sale or sales shall be held by said rector and visitors of the University of Virginia upon the identical trusts, and subject to the same uses, limitations and conditions, if any, that are expressed in the original deed or will under which its title was de-vised, or if there be no such trusts, uses, limitations or conditions expressed in such original deed or will, then said funds shall be applied by the rector and visitors of the University to such purposes as said board may deem best for the University. [Sec. 23-4.1 of the Code permits the sale, with the consent of the Governor, of
land acquired prior to 1900 by purchase, will or deed of gift.]

SECTION 23-77.2. GRANTING EASEMENTS ON PROPERTY OF THE UNIVERSITY.—The rector and visitors of the University of Virginia are hereby authorized to grant easements for roads, streets, sewers, water lines, electric and other utility lines or other purpose on any property now owned or hereafter acquired by said rector and visitors of the University of Virginia, when in the discretion of the rector and visitors it is deemed proper to grant such easement.

Other Code Provisions of Particular Interest to the Board of Visitors

- Bonds and other obligations, Issuance of
  Sec. 23-14, et seq.
- Comprehensive Conflict of Interests Act
  Sec. 2.1-639.1, et seq.
- Freedom of Information Act
  Sec. 2.1-340, et seq.
- Loans, Direct Student (Virginia Education Loan Authority)
  Sec. 23-38.30, et seq.
- Scholarships
  Sec. 23-31, et seq.
- Scholarship Assistance Program
  Sec. 23-38.45, et seq.
- Tuition, eligibility for in-state
  Sec. 23-7.4