

GENERAL LAWS
OF
MINNESOTA.

PASSED AND APPROVED AT THE TENTH SESSION OF THE STATE LEGISLATURE, COMMENCING JANUARY SEVENTH, ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND SIXTY-EIGHT, AND TERMINATING MARCH SIXTH, ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND SIXTY-EIGHT.

CHAPTER I.

An Act to re-organize and provide for the Government and Regulation of the University of Minnesota, and to Establish an Agricultural College therein.

February 18, 1868

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7. There shall be appropriated and placed at the disposal of the Board, all the interest and income arising from the sale of all the lands granted for the benefit of Agriculture and the Mechanic Arts, in addition to all the rights and endowments heretofore granted.
8. To effect a settlement of all remaining indebtedness of the University, all the powers and authorities granted by previous enactments are conferred on the present Board of Regents; said enactments to remain in force until all indebtedness is fully liquidated.
9. When and where first meeting to be held—election of officers at said meeting—when annual meeting to be held—special meetings.
10. Any person shall have the privilege of endowing a professorship in the University by contributing a sum not less than fifteen thousand dollars.
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12. The Board of Regents to provide suitable lands for an experimental farm, make such improvements thereon as to render it available for such purpose—Board authorized to expend a sum for such purpose, by act of Congress.
13. Board to make annual report to the Governor on or before the second Tuesday in December, showing the progress and wants of the University, the amount of receipts and disbursements, &c.—distribution of said reports.
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Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota :

Object of the establishment of said university.

SECTION 1. The object of the University of Minnesota, established by the Constitution, at or near the Falls of Saint Anthony, shall be to provide the means of acquiring a thorough knowledge of the various branches of literature, science and the arts, and such branches of learning as are related to agriculture and the mechanic arts, including military tactics, and other scientific and classical studies.

To be divided into five departments.

SEC. 2. There shall be established in the University of Minnesota five or more colleges or departments, that is to say, a department of elementary instruction, a college of science, literature and the arts, a college of agriculture and the mechanic arts, including military tactics, a college or department of law, and also a college or department of medicine.

SEC. 3. The government of the university shall be vested in a board of nine regents, of whom the governor of the state and the state superintendent of public instruction shall be ex officio members, and the seven remaining members thereof shall be appointed by the governor, by and with the advice and consent of the senate. Whenever a vacancy therein occurs for any cause, the same shall be filled for the unexpired term in the same manner. Of the regents thus appointed two shall be commissioned and hold their offices for one year, and two for two years, and three for three years. Their successors shall be appointed in like manner, and shall hold their office for the full term of three years from the first Wednesday of March succeeding their appointments, and until their successors are appointed and qualified.

To be governed by Board of Regents—of whom to consist—how appointed—term of service—appointment of successors.

SEC. 4. The regents of the university shall constitute a body corporate under the name and style of "University of Minnesota;" and by that name may sue and be sued, contract and be contracted with, make and use a common seal and alter the same at pleasure. A majority of their number shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, and a less number may adjourn from time to time.

Corporate name—power of board—quorum.

SEC. 5. The board of regents shall elect from the members of the board, a president of the board, secretary and treasurer, who shall hold their respective offices during the pleasure of the board. And the president and treasurer each before entering upon the duties of his office, shall execute a bond in the penal sum of fifty thousand dollars, with at least two sufficient sureties, to the state of Minnesota, to be approved by the governor, conditioned for the faithful and honest performance of the duties of his office according to law. Which bonds, when so approved shall be filed in the office of the secretary of state.

Officers of board—term of office—President and treasurer to give bond—in what amount.

SEC. 6. The board of regents shall have power and it shall be their duty to enact by laws for the government of the University of Minnesota in all its departments, to elect a president of the university, and the requisite number of professors, instructors, officers and employees, and to fix their salaries, also the term of office of each, and to determine the moral and educational qualifications of applicants for admission, and in the department of professors, instructors and other officers, and assistants of the university, and in prescribing the studies and exercises thereof, and in all the management and government

Board to enact by-laws for the government of the same—elect officers—to fix salaries and term of office—to determine qualifications for admission.

thereof, no partiality or preference shall be shown to one sect or religious denomination over another, nor shall anything sectarian be taught therein; and the board of regents shall have power to regulate the course of instruction, and prescribe the books and authorities to be used, and also to confer such degrees and grant such diplomas as are usual in universities, in their discretion. It shall be the duty of the secretary to record all the proceedings of the board, and carefully preserve all its books and papers, and before entering upon the duties of his office he shall take and subscribe an oath to perform his duties honestly and faithfully as such officer. It shall be the duty of the treasurer to keep an exact and faithful account of all moneys, bills receivable and evidences of indebtedness, and all securities and property, received or paid out by him, and before entering upon his duties he shall take and subscribe an oath that he will well and faithfully perform the duties of treasurer thereof. It shall be the duty of the president to preside at the meetings of the board; and in case of his inability to preside, the board may appoint a president pro tempore.

Duties of Secretary, Treasurer and President.

SEC. 7. In addition to all the rights, immunities, franchises and endowments heretofore granted or conferred to or upon the University of Minnesota for the endowment, support and maintenance thereof, there shall be and is hereby inviolably appropriated and placed at the disposal of the board of regents thereof, to be drawn from the state treasury upon the order of the president, drawn upon the state auditor, countersigned by the secretary of the board and payable to the order of the treasurer of the board, all the interest and income of the fund to be derived from the sales of all the lands granted and to be granted to the state of Minnesota, by virtue of an act of congress entitled "An act donating lands to the several states and territories which may provide colleges for the benefit of agriculture and the mechanic arts," approved July 2d, A. D. 1862; and also all such gifts, grants and contributions to the endowment thereof, as may be derived from any and all sources.

Appropriation placed at the disposal of said Board.

SEC. 8. And in order to effect a settlement of all remaining indebtedness of the university, all the powers and authorities given by chapter 18, of the laws of 1864, entitled "An act relating to the University of Minnesota," and chapter 11, of the laws of 1866, entitled "An act to amend an act entitled an act relating to the University of

Settlement how effected.

Minnesota, approved March 4, 1864," to the regents therein mentioned, are hereby given to and conferred upon the board of regents of the University of Minnesota aforesaid; and the said acts are hereby continued and shall be in force until such outstanding indebtedness is fully liquidated.

SEC. 9. The first meeting of the board of regents under the provisions of this act, shall be holden at the university building, on the first Wednesday of March, 1868, at which meeting, the officers of the board shall be elected, and the annual meetings of the board shall be holden on the second Tuesday of December in each and every year thereafter. Special meetings of the board shall be called and holden at such times and in such manner as the board of regents shall determine.

When first meeting to be held—
annual meeting—
special meetings.

SEC. 10. Any person or persons contributing a sum of not less than fifteen thousand dollars, shall have the privilege of endowing a professorship in the university, the name and object of which shall be designated by the board of regents.

Privilege of endowing a professorship.

SEC. 11. The said board of regents shall succeed to and have the control of the books, records, building, and all other property of the university; and the present board of regents shall be dissolved immediately upon the organization of the board herein provided for; *Provided*, That all contracts made and at that time binding upon the board then dissolved, shall be assumed and discharged by their successors in office.

To have control of books, &c.

SEC. 12. It shall be the duty of the board of regents herein provided for, to make arrangements for securing suitable lands, pursuant to the act of congress above mentioned, in the vicinity of the university, for an experimental farm; and as soon as may be thereafter, to make such improvements thereon as will render the same available for experimental purposes in connection with the course in the agricultural college; and for such purpose the board of regents is hereby authorized to expend a sum not exceeding the amount specified in the act of congress aforesaid.

To provide experimental farm—
authorized by
act of Congress.

SEC. 13. On or before the second Tuesday of December in each and every year, the board of regents, through their president, shall make a report in detail to the governor, showing the progress, condition, and wants of the university, and recording any improvements and experiments made, with their costs and result; the number of

When to make annual report—
what to contain.

professors and students; the amount of receipts and disbursements, together with the nature, costs and results of all important investigations and experiments; and such other matters, including state industrial and economical statistics, as may be deemed important or useful, one copy of which shall be transmitted to all the other colleges which shall be endowed under the provisions of said act of congress, and also one copy to the secretary of the interior.

President executive head of the institution—power—when to make report—what to contain.

SEC. 14. The president of the university shall be president of the faculty and the executive head of the institution in all its departments. As such officer, he shall have authority subject to the board of regents, to give general direction to the practical affairs and scientific investigations of the university, and in the recess of the board of regents, to remove any employee or subordinate officer not a member of the faculty, and supply, for the time, any vacancies thus created; and so long as the interests of the institution require it, he shall be charged with the duties of one of the professorships; and it shall be the duty of the president of the university to make to the superintendent of public instruction on or before the second Tuesday of December in each and every year, a report in detail, showing the progress and condition of the university, the number of professors and students, the nature, cost and results of all important investigations and experiments, and such other matters, including industrial and economical statistics as he shall deem useful.

Repeal of inconsistent acts.

SEC. 15. Chapter eighty of the laws of eighteen hundred and sixty, chapter eighty-seven of the laws of eighteen hundred and sixty two, and so much and such parts of any and all acts and laws whether general or special, as are inconsistent with the provisions of this act, are hereby repealed.

When act to take effect.

SEC. 16. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

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